##  F $\mathcal{O}$ R Gold and Silver Wares.

Directing how to know Adulterated and unlawful GOLDSMITHS Works, and the greatnefs of the Cheat therein; and how to punifh the Offenders, and recover Recompence to the party wronged.

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## To the Reader.

THere having not heretofore (that ever I could hear of) been expofed to publick view any Treatife of this kind : This therefore may occafion more than ordinary Cu riofity in infpecting the particulars thereof, and perhaps difpofe the Reader to the Confiderations following.

Firft, whether the matter of it touching the Goldfmiths Craft be true?

Secondly, What foould incite mue to this attempt?

Thirdly, Whetber it be not againft the Rules of a Myftery thus publickly to difcover them?

Fourthly, Whet ber it may not (infead of the good propo(ed) become a dijparagrement to the Manufor Cture, and so a prejudice to the Traders therein?

Fifthly, Whether this may not reflect upon the Wardens of the Company, by Juppofing that they do not perform thoir Duty in fupprefjeng thefe defects?

As to the Firft, I refer the Reader to the Statutes and other Laws (for Regulating the Goldimiths Craft) herein cited, and his own obfervation, ffrom what is here intimated) how the fame have been purfued.

To the Second I have been moved hereunto not from particular interelt, but from a defire of the Publick good, every boneft mans pri-
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is not the honeft Myftery or Craft in Working and Fathioning the Wares, (which in all Trades is to be conceal'd) but the publick Rules of our Laws, and good intentions of our Law-Makers to prevent Deceit in the exercife of that Myftery which ill diqofed Craftf-men in all Ages have been too prone to contrive and practice.

To the Fourt th. It cannot befuppofed, that for the Offences of fome, all fhould be condemned; or that if fome Wares be deccitful, all fhould be fo made: For I aver, that fome there be of this Trade (to their honor be it fpoken) that have not, nor will not in this Trade of a Goldfmith vary from the Rules and Principles of Law and Honefty, by working or felling adulterated Gold or Silver Works, though frongly befet with the temptations of gains for a more plentiful livelihood; and it cannot be denied, that a perfon brought up in a Trade to live honeftly thereon (to fee his Neighbours draw away his Cuftomers by deceitful Wares under colour of cheapnefs, or leffer profit for his work, when indeed he makes greater advantages thereby) and not be enfnared to do the like pradices, argues more than an crdinary integrity and conftancy.

And I am of this favourable opinion that many who have been Tranfgreffors in this kind were meerly fo of neceffity to preferve their Trades and Cuftomers ; and that fuch their doings hath not been with, but altogether againft their good inclinations, and would not a little rejoyce, and that of an honeft principle, that a through reformation were made therein.

To the Fifth. It is well known the Wardens of

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the Goldfmiths London, have readily heard Complaints that were made to them therein, and punifht the Otfenders:And it is hoped the fame conftarcy and zeal to a through Reformation will be in their Succeffors. But the Workers and Sellers in this Trade being fo numerous, and the Tranfgreffors fo fubtil to conceal their deceipt, and evade the punifhment, that the endeavours of the Whardens, as yet hath been, fo ftill will be but a weak remedy, unlefs a greater Authority be given to them, which I have in the enfuing Treatife humbly propofed, and unlefs the Buyer or Cuftomer who wears and ufes the Commodity be made capable of knowing the lawful Wares from the unlawful, and the true value of the Metal of either, and how to punith the Offenders by more ready and eafie ways than heretofore; which is the chief intent of the enfuing Difcourfe.

And for the encouragement of thofe that have a law ful right to exercife the Goldfmiths Trade, I have in the enfuing Treatife given a plain defcription of that Tiade, and what are the proper Works thereof.

I have allo carefully collected the Laws in force for reftraining perfons from exercifing that and all other Manual Trades that have not been brought up reven years as Apprentices thereto; and alfo the Laws in force for reftraining Aliens from exercifing the fame; to the intent that as on the one hand I would prevent difhoneft Actions of the lawful Goldfmiths, fo I would be a means to obtain their due Rights and Liberties in fuppreffing and preventing all intruders into their Trade.

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Wherefore craving the favourable conftruction of the Wardens of the Company of Goldfmiths, London, and all honeft Workers and Sellers of Goldjmiths Work, for this my undertaking, I affure them and allimy good Countrymen, that I value not the Calumny of fuch who fhall be difpleafed for difcovering their deceitful and unlawful praCtices: My only aim and intention in this matter being to procure an honcf Reformation in the making of Gold and Siiver Works, and all other Gold/miths Works whatfoever: then would they truly be the Ornamient and Riches of this Kingdom.

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## Gold \& Silver Wares.

 H AT there hath been, and is, a Great Abufe to the People of this Kingdom in the Gold and Silver that is wrought into the feveral forts of Wares in ufe amongft us, is no hard matter to manifeft : For if there were infpection made into the silucr that if weandyt into
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 aff other fotat of matl 1 log eft, foth of gbold and Eifner, and the great Blate that $\mathfrak{i}$ ai made remote from London; and the value thereof truly Examined, a great part thereof would be found to want very much of the value it ought to be of, in refpect both of the Standard, and the Price it was fold at, whereby the wearing buyer is abufed and defrauded, and the Laws infringed for the private benefit only of deceitful and ill-minded men. To direct therefore in the difcovery of Falfe Wares, and to prevent the evils arifing thence, I have framed this Difcourfe, which chiefly confifts of three Parts; As,

Firft, Of what Gold and Silver is produced, , and what it is in its own Nature, and the Sort or Standard, that is or ought to be in ufe amongt us.

Secondly, $A$ recital of the Statutes and other Lawsin force for preventing the working and Selling Gold and Silver Work, that is worle than that Standard, and the Laws comprifing the principal matters relating to the Goldfmiths and Cutlers TGade, and material matters of all other Mannal Trades.

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Thirdly, Some Notes giving light to thafe Laws and Statutes, and directing how to prevent de. ceipt in Goldor Silver Work, and the way of Redrefs for fuch, and ot ther the offences againft thofe Laws.

The original production of Gold and Silver is thus, viz. The four Elements generate a Seed by the will of God, and operation of Nature, and by their motion (every one according to its quality) cafts forth a Semen into the center of the earth, where it is digefted, and by motion is fent abroad.

Now the center of the carth is a certain empty place, where nothing can reft, and the four elements fend forth their qualities into the circumference of the center: And the magnetick property of any place of the earth attracts fomething convenient to it felf for the bringing forth of fomething. As for example,

Set upon an even Table a veffel of Water, which place in the middle thereof, and round about it lay divers things, and divers colours; alfo Salt, coc. every thing by it felf; then pour the Water into the middle, and you fhall fee the water run every way; and when any ftream toucheth the Red Colour, it will be made red by it ; if Salt, it will contract the tafte of Salt from it, and fo of the reft: Now the water doth not change the places, but the diverfity of places changeth the Water.

In like manner the Seed being caft forth by the tour Elements from the center of the Earth, unto the fuperficies thereof, paffeth through various

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places; and according to the nature of the place, is any thing produced; if it come to a pure place of earth, a pure thing is made.

The feed of allt hings is but one, and yet it generates diversthings, as it appears by the former example: The Sperm whillt it is in the center is indifferent to all forms; but when it is come to any determinate place, it changeth no more its form.

The Seed whilf it is in the center, can as eafily produce a Tree as a Metal, and an Herb as a Stone; and one more precious than another, according to the purity of the place. Now this Seed is produced of the Elements thus.

Thefe four Elements are never quiet, but by reafon of their contrariety, mutually act one upon another, and every one of its felf, fends forth its own fubtilty or Seed, and they agree in the center. Now this center is the fervant of Nature, which mixing thofe Seeds together, fends them abroad, and by diftillation fublimes them by the heat of a continual motion inte the fuperficies of the earth; for the Earth is porous, and this vapour is, by diftilling through the pores of the Earth, refolved into water; of which all things are produced: Therefore, as I faid before, the Seed of Metals is not different from the Seed of all things being, viz. a humid Vapour.

The fpecification of this Vapour into diffinct Metals is thus: This vapour paffeth in its diftillation through the Earth, through places either Cold or Hot ; if through Hot and pure, where the fatnefs of Sulphur fticks to the fides thereof, then that Vapour (which Philofophers call the Mercury

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cury of Philofophers) mixeth and joyneth it felf unto that fatnefs, which afterwards ic fublimeth with it felf, and then it leaving the name of a vapour and unctusfity, and afterwards coming by fublimation into ouner places, where the Earth is fubtil, pure, and humid, fills the pores thereof, and is joyned to it, and fo it becomes GOLD; and where it is hot and fomething impure, it becomes SILVER; but if that fatnefs come to impure places, which are cold, it is made LEAD; and if that place be pure and mixed with Sulphur, it becomes COPPER: for by how much the more pure and warm the place is, fo much the more excellent doth it make the Metals.

This Heat is from within the Earth ${ }_{2}$ and not the heat of the Sun, as fome imagine; becaufe in the hotteft Countries there is all, or almoft all Gold gencrated; who if they confider that in cold Countries are Gold Mines; as in Sco:land were in King fames his time, would be of another mind, than to think that the Coeleftial Sun could penetrate fo as to heat the Earth fo deep as moft Gold lies: but yet I deny not, that the fecret influence of the Sun is very powerful in the gcnerating of Gold: and fo the other Planets of other Metals, be they never fo deep in the Earth

Now the firft matter of Metals, is a humid, vifcous, incombuftible, and fubtil fabftance, incorporated with an earthy fubtilty ; being equally and ftrongly mixed in the caverns of the Earth.

In all Metals (except Gold) there is a two-fold unctuofity; the one which is external, fulphurous and inflamable, which is joyned to it by accident, and doth not belong to the total union, with the

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tereftrial parts of the thing; the other is internal, and very fubtil, incombuftible; being of the fubftantial compofition of Argent-Vive; and therefore cannot be deftroyed by fire, unlefs with the deftruction of the whole fubftance.

Whence it appears what the caufe is, that Metals are more or lefs durable in the fire; for thofe that abound with that internal unctuofity, are lefs confumed; as it appears in Silver, and efpecially in Gold.

Hence it is that the Philofophers could never by any means find out any thing that could $\in n-$ dure the fire, but that unctuous humidity only, which is perfect and incombuftible.

Imperfect bodies have fuperfluous humidities, and fulphurity, generating a combuttible black. nefs in them, and corrupting them: they have alfo an impure, feculent, and combuftible terreftriety: fo grofs that it hinders ingreffion, and fufion.

But a perfect Metal (as Gold) hath neither this fulphurous or terreftrial impurity ; I mean, when 'tis fully maturated and melted: for whillt it is in concoction, it hath both joyned to it, as you may fee in Golden Ore : but then they do not adhere to it fo, but that it may be purified from them, which other Metals cannot, but are both deftroyed together, if you attempt to feparate the one from the other.

Befides, Gold hath fo little of thefe corruptible principals mixed with it, that the inward Sulphur or metaline-finit doth fometimes, in fome places overcome them of it felf; as is to be feen in the Gold, whech is found very pure fometimes

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in the fuperficies of the Earth, and in the SeaSands, and is many times as pure as any Refined Gold. Now this Gold which is found in the Sands and Rivers, is not generated there but is wathed down from the Mountains with freams of Water that run from thence.

Gold therefore is moft noble and folid of all Metals, and (in the higheft degree of finenefs) of a deep yellow colour ; compacted of principals digefted to the uttermof height, and therefore fixed:

Silver is (in the higheft degree of finenefs) pure white, and in the next degree of dignity to Gold, and differs from it in digeftion chiefly : I faid chiefly, becaufe there is fome fmall impurities adhering to it. Neverthelefs,
Silver is a Mineral of that excellent Nature, that when it is in the higheft degree of finenefs, it will cndure melting a long time in extreme heat, with but very little wafte; which quality is not in any other Metal, fave Gold, which (in the fineft degree) is more fix'd, and will endure the fire with lefs wafte: Wherefore Gold and Silver.

For a further account of the generation and vegetability, 心c. of Gold and Silver, fee Wrebfers H:fory of Metols; collected out of the noit approved Amthors that have written on that Gubje A Printed fur 14 Kettiloy at the Bifhofs Head in S.Pauls Churchyard, London. for thefe excellencies, and their fcarcenefs, and capablenefs of being wrought into fo many forts of Ufeful and Ornamental things above other Metals, is one reafon that it bears fo great a value, and anfwers all things.

Our Fore-fathers confidering that Silver in its fineft degree would be too foft for ufe and fervice B 4
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(for the fineft Silver is almoft as foft as Lead) did confult to reduce or harden the Silver (by allaying it with bafer Metal) to fuch a degree, that it mighte both ferviceable in the works, and alfo in the wearing keep its native whitenefs: For as the Silver having too little Allay, would be too foft; fo too much Allay would make it brittle, and wear like Brals? And therefore upon Experiment and due Confideration, did agree, that there fhould be Eighten penny weight of fine Copper mixed in eleven Ounces and two penny weig't Troy of the fineft Silver; both which makes twelve Ounces or the pound Troy; and fo according to that proportion for more or lefs; (where it is to be obferved, That either Tin, Pewter, or Lead being put into Gold or Silver for the Allaying thereof, or being mixt therewith, renders it extreme brittle, and altogether unfit for work) which degree of Allay is concluded upon by the Law-makers of this Kingdom, to be the Standard for all Silver Money, and all Silver Works, and is commonly called the Sterling Rlbay (from the Eafterlings, or men that came from the Eaftpart of Germany in the time of King Richard the Firft, and were the firft Contrivers and makers of that Allay;) And this is that which is meant in the Statute of 18 El z. Cap. 15 . by the Exprefion, (to wit) Not lefs in finenefs than that of eleven Ounces two penny weight. And for this purpofe, that, and divers other Statutes have been made, which I have here recited verbation, as followerh.

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> The Statute 28 Edw．1．Cap．20．commonly called，Articuli fuper Cartas．
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 3 Ind that no mamitr of Beffil of Siltuer depart out of the handai af the mosfera， untilit fie 3 fapued fin the nardeng of the araft：3nd further，that it fe marted mith the Leopards－Head ；3nd that tyep moek no wode Gold than of the touch af Paris：Wnd that the bardeng of the draft fall ga from 5 hop to $5 \mathfrak{y}$ an among the
 of the fame couth that ig fpafien of fes foes：90nd if they find ann other than of the couth afozetatid，the crald fhath be foz＝ feit to the 隹ing：© that mone foafl millic Thefe words of this Sta－䍚ing
 fhafl fet ant ftone in tute［ None Barll make Rengs，Cioffes，nor Locks，］ Repealed 21 fac． 28.



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of 5 tonew, and of seals, fhaff give to eath their weight of siliner and sold ag near ag thep call upon their fioclitp: Find the Feluela of bafe bald whity they have in their fands, they fhall utter ajo faft ag theptan: 3nd from thentefoth if thep buy and of the fame mofe, they fhalf bup it to morfupan, and not ta fell again: 3nid that aff the good dolung of England, whate any boldimith fe aluelling, fhafl he ondered accoraing totyis statute, ax tien of London fie: ? ind that one fhall come from enerp som cown fee alf the refioue that he bubling intle fame, unto London, fas to
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 fonment, and fin ranfome at the zitug pleafure. 3nnd natmithitanding all thefe thing firfoze=mentioned, $\mathfrak{o}_{2}$ any point of them, haty the fing, and hit countil, and all thep that were perent at the mafing of thig opdiname, with and intend that
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\text { Stat. } 37 \text { Edw. 3. Cap. } 7 .
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 fata furbevozs have made their 2lfap, ag fhall be ozained by the lity and git Coun= cet; and after the 3lfan made, the sur= neyoz fall fet the fing sitark, and after
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Stat. 2 Hen. 6. 14.
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 the Leopard's-Head, exeept it he asi fine in sullay asi the Sterling, that then tye foxp: or af the dauth fae everp thing fo peoved, not asgod in 3 flay ag the faid sterling, fhall foefeit tye wouble value tothe 隹ing, and to the party, asig abode recited. 3ndo
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Stat. 18 Eliz. 15.

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 finenefs than that of twenty two Carracts; and that he ufe no Sodder, Ammel, or other ftuffings whatfoever in any of their Works, more than is neceffary for the finifhing of the fame; 9 ind that they tafe not ahoue the tate of cmotue pente fo: tlye dunte of bald (hentiegi the

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From which Statutes it is to be obferved, That Gold or Silver that is lefs in finenefs, or courfer than the aforefaid Standard Allay, may not be wrought, fhaped, or faftioned into any fort of Works, and be Sold, expofed to Sale, Exchanged or Bartered in any place within this Realm.

And for the better obferving thefe Rules (that thofe fo noble and excellent Metals of that Allay may not be counterfeited, nor the people deceived in any Works made thereof, but (by being made up to that fo excellent Standard) be preferved in their due efteem, and confequently be a fteady means of a creditable and competent livelihood for a great number of the people of this Kingdom, the perfons exercifing the working thereof, called by the name of Golddmiths inhabiting in and about the City of London, have been of old, and now are Incorporated by the name of Efardeng, and Companp of the sopftery of Gotarmithg of the fity at London; And all that lawfully exercife that Myftery in the faid City, and Liberties thereof, and three miles compars of the fame, being Free-men of that City, ought to be of that Company; though many there be of that Myftery, who through miftake or defign are Free of other Companies, which yet hinders not but that they are to all intents and purpofes in refpect of punifhment for their falfe Works, as muchunder the power of the faid Company, as their owm proper Members are.

Yet experience doth clearly manifef, that as well the perfons of this Trade, as of all others being thus divided and intermingled into each others Company, is very injurious to the defign

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 of making Corporations, which was principally for the correcting and preventing the making and felling any falfe, fraudulent, or infufficient Works or Wares of each Trade.And although the Wardens of the Goldfmiths have authority to fearch amongft all perfons Making, Selling, or expofing to Sale, any Goldfmiths Works in London, and three miles compafs of the fame, and to punifh them for their fraud in thofe Works, be the perfons of what Corporation they will: What doth this avail, when the greateft part of the Members of the Goldfmiths Company be of other Trades, and by courfe will come to be in the Office of Wardens; and they having little or no skill in that Myftery, it is improbable they fhould perform that Office effectually.

And notwithftanding this Corporation hath many By-Laws, and are authorized(as other Corporations are) from time to time, as occafion fhall be, to make other good and wholefome By-Laws and Ordinances, which are of excellent ufe for the more eafie, and well governing theMembers thereof, and preventing the abufes in their Works; yet this help avails little or nothing, fince thofe that are not the immediate Members, are not bound to obey thofe By-Laws and Ordinances; and it would be unreafonable and injurious to exact obedience to thofe Laws from a few Goldfmiths that are Free of that Company, when fo great a number of that Trade will be left at liberty.

This is of great concern, and worthy the confideration of thofe in Authority, to whom I humbly propofe, whether a new Law may be made for remedy hereof, to this effect, (viz.)

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 exetcle the fald erade of the Golofmitbs, comerne to the true meaning herfof. Sec an Example in the Cafe or the silk-Tircovers, in Stat. 14 Car 2.15.

To which I know it will be objected, that the bringing perfons of this Trade by f re from other Companies into this, will not on'y rend and poil thofe Companies from which they are taken, but alfo be a means of hindering fome, in that fpeedy progreis towards the places of Honour they now expect in their prefent Corporations: The anfwer is,

That if fome Members of fome Companies are taken away, it will be prudence in thofe Companies to purfue the obtaining the like power to

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bring all perfons of their Trades into the Corporation of each refpective Trade.

And this will be the right center of the intert of making Corporations of Trades, which ought to be with the greateft care pieferved, and preferred before thofe other nicetics of Seniority in honourable places in the fame, wherein perions of a contrary Trade do feldom, reithur indeed can they difcharge their duty; ne.ther is it foffible, unlefs this courfe be taken, to make a perfect reformation, or reguation in this or any other Trade.

It may be further objected, that the thus tranflating perfons from one Company to another, will unavoidably caufe a breach of the Oath they took at their making Free of their firft Company; and an Oath lawfully taken is not to be violated by any means whatfoever: The anfwer is by way of Quxry.

What if the King fhall pieafe for fome defects in any Corporation (as enough may be) to diffolve the fame, if the Oath be to bind and make no Apprentice Free but of fuch a Comporation that is afterwards diffolved; mult he therefore by fuch Oath be barr'd from taking Apprentices, and fo deprived of that fo eminent way of advantage: Or if the Oath be to obferve and keep the By-Laws and Ordinances of a Company that is afterwards diffolved, with which all thofe Laws and Ordinances are diffolved ailo, muft he be bound to perform impoffibilities? no,' 'tis plain, fuch Oaths extend no farther than the duration of the Corporation that Adminiftred them.

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For if the King with his Parliament fhall pleafe to make an Act, that all Manual Tradefmen fhall be reduced into the proper Corporations of each refpective Trade in manner aforefaid, fuch Law is a perfeit diffolution of to much of every Corporation as refpects the perfons fo taken' away ; and by confequence a diffolution of fuch perfons Oaths to them.

And as on the one hand the Corporations would feemingly be prejudiced by taking their Members from them ; fo on the other hand thofe Corporations would in effect receive more good, and be more ufeful, and more honorable than ever, by bringing thofe that are their proper Members into the fame; for then the deceits in the Works and Wares would be more eafily prevented, and the people better ferved, and all Englifh Tradefmen be advanced in reputation and honor, both at home and abroad.

The Wardens of the Company of Goldfmiths are by the two firft, and the laft recited Statutes, and their Charter, entrufted, and authorifed to fearch in all and every place throughout this Realm of England, amongft all Goldfmiths, and all others trading in Gold and Silver Works; and to Survey, Infpect, and try their Gold and Silver Works; and to feize, break, and deface, all they do find of a worfe Allay than is appointed by the afore-recited Statutes; and to fine the Offenders equal to their offences, in all the circumftances thereof. Whicb large and copions autbority is known to have been put in practice: And for the Readers further knowledge of all the Power and Authority to them given, I refer him $t$ ) the Inroll-

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Inrollment of the Patent now remaining of Record in the Chappel of the Rolls; a true Copy of which faithfully rendred into Englifh is hereunto annexed.

3 Ind $\mathfrak{h y t h e}$ faid satate of 37 Edw. 3.7. Fif the fing ta 3lfign and 3 ppoint other
 fmitho (either fas the whole finguam, ae particular platew ag octatom fafl fe, fuct ofger 5 urbepaza are ?uthozifed fup that Statute ta bearth for, funifi, and sup: peeta the Befentin all fold and Eifuer mbarkit

And for the more eafie difcovering the Workers and Sellers of unlawful Gold or Silver Work, the Statutes aforefaid do appoint, That every Ma-fter-Worker in Goldfmiths Work within this Realm, fhall have his proper Mark, and the fame Marks fhall fet on their Works, before it be fett to fale.

And that all fuch Workers Marks (in the City of London, and three Miles compafs of the fame) to be known to thofe affigned by the King to Sur jey their Work and Allay, that is, the Wardens of the Gold(miths, and all other Workers Marks in the feveral places where Touches be ordained, to be known to thofe appointed there to Survey their Work and Allay, upon the fame penalty as is appointed for working or felling courfe Silver-work, (that is) to forfeit the value of the Silver work not marked with the Worker's Mark, or marked with a Mark not fo made known, although the Silver be of the finenefs of Sterling.

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And by reafon that under the general term (of any Gold/mith's Wares of Goldor Silver) mention'd in the Statute of 18 Eliz. 15 . is comprehended all Wier-work (as Cheins, and Lace, \&c.) of Gold and Silver, which cannot be marked with the Workers Marks (to anfwer the intent of the Law) therefore our Law-Makers have put in this Provifo in the faid Satute 18 Eliz. 15 . viz.) to fet the Workers Mark to fo much of his Work as will conveniently bear the fame; but for all other Goldfmiths Work. it will bear the Workers Mark with as much conveniency as with reafon can be defired.

Note, The making all Wier-work either of Gold or Silver is the Goldfmiths Trade, by reafon the making thereof is by Melting and Forging, and of the Wardens Authority to correct the Abufes therein.

And for all Silver Work that is of the moft Eminent Account (of which are all forts comprehended under the names of
> * Thofe being fo accounted, is clearly manife $t$ by the two Cup;, (which are Veffels; ) and the four Buckles, (which are Harnefs; ) with two Leipara's-Heads : being the Company of Gold fmiths Arms. * Geffels and batnefo that are made in and about the City of London, and within three miles of the fame ) thefe are not to be left unto, or received upon the Credit and Reputation of the Maker thereof, by having only his Mark there-
Credit and Reputation of the ro, but upon the Credit and Reputation of the Company, by their fetting their Marks to the fame, who are furely the moft likely to continue, and moft able to give fatisfaction in cafe of defe $\mathrm{F}_{5}$

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defect, as is appointed by thefaid Statutes, when the Worker and Seller may be dead, or by feveral ways difabled to make recompence to the parties wronged.

The Company of Goldfmiths confidering that their Wardens are by their Charter, and the Statutes aforefaid appointed to Survey, Affay, and Mark the Silver-work, and that thefe Officers are yearly chofen according to their Ufage out of their Members of the Affiftants, in courfe, as they received their Admittance into thofe places; and that fuch Choice fometimes falls upon them that are either of other Trades, or not skill'd in that curious Art of making Allays of Gold and Silver, and confequently unable to make a true Report of the goodnefs thereof; or elfe the neceflary Attendance therein being too great a burden for the Wardens: therefore they have appointed an Afay-Mafter, called by them their Deputy-Warden, allowing him a confiderable yearly Sallary, and who takes an Oath to this effect, (yiz.) to perform that Office faithfully, according to the beft of his skill, that is, to make true Affay of all Gold and Silver brought to their Office for that purpofe, and elfewhere, as the Wardens and Company fhall appoint, and give a true Report of the goodnefs or badnefs, or (as their term is) betternefs, or worfenefs of the fame.

They have allo caufed to be made (according to the aforefaid Statutes and their Charter) Punchians of Steel, and marks at the end of them, both great and fmall of thefe feveral forts following, (that is) ©be Leoparag bead ©rom. nen, che lyon, andaletter, (a true Em-

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blem of which Marks are expreffed in the Copper Cut following) which Letter is changed Alphabetically every Year ; the reafon of changing thereof is, (as I conceive) for that by the afore recited Statutes it is provided, That if any Silver Work that is worfe than Sterling be marked with the Companies Marks, the Wardens and Corporation for the time being, fhall make recompence to the party grieved, fo that if any fuch default fhould happen, they can tell by the Letter on the Work in what Year it was Affayed and Marked, and thereby know which of their own Officers deceived them, and from them obtain over, a recompence. Thefe Marks are every Year made New for the ufe of the New Wardens, who are chofen, and enter into that Office about Midfummer in every year : And although the Affaying is referred to the Affay-Mafter, yet the TouchWardens looks to the Striking the Marks.

They have alfo made in a part of their Hall, a place called by them their Affay-Office, wherein is a Sworn Weigher ; his duty is to weigh all Silver Work into the Office, and enter the fame into a Book for that purpofe; and alfo to Weigh it out again to the Owner (only four Grains out of every Twelve Ounces that is marked, is according to their ancient Cuftom to be detained and kept for a re-affaying once in every Year, before the Lords of the Council in the Star-Chamber at Weftminfter, and (there alfo) before a Jury of twenty four able Goldfmiths, all the Silver Works they have paffed for good the year foregoing.

In this Office is kept for publick view, a Table,

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or Tables, artificially made in Columns (that is tofay) one Column of hardened Lead, another of Parchment or Velom, and feveral of the fame forts: In the Lead Columns are ftruck or entred the Workers Marks, (which are gencralte the tho firf letters af theit ©heiftian and Sitnameg) and right againft them in the Parchment or Velom Columns are writ and entred the Owners Names. This is that which is meant in the before recited Statutes, by the Expreffion of making the Workers Mark known to the Surveyors, or Wardens of the Craft.

Which faid Wardens Duty is to fee that the Marks be plain, and of a fit jize, and not one like another: And to require the thus Entring the faid Marks, and alfo the fetting them clear and vifible on all Gold and Silver Work; not only on every Work, but alfo on every part thereof that is wrought apart, and afterwards Soddered or made faft thereto in finifhing the fame.
The reafon for fetting the Workers Mark on every part of the Work, is to take away all colour of excufe from the the Maker of falfe work, who might otherwife craftily pretend, that the part marked by him was good Silver or Gold, and (the unmarked part being bad) that the bad was added by fome body elfe fince the Plate went out of his hand.

Every Worker aforefaid is not only obliged to enter his Mark on the Table aforefaid, but (according to the Companies By-Law for that purpore, and the intent of thefe words in Statute 2 Henry 6. 14. to wit, 3nd that the sign of

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 $\mathfrak{n t t h e}(\mathfrak{r a f t})$ is at the fame time to enter in a Book (kept for that purpofe in the ABay-Office) the place of his Habitation; and if he remove to any other place, then to enter the fame alfo in the Book aforefaid; fo that their Habitations may be always known to the Wardens of the Craft.

The reafon is, for that if at any time any Gold or Silver Wares be found to be of worfe Allay then they fhould be, the Worker (by his Mark fet thereon) although he may not be known to the party grieved, yet by application to the Wardens, and by their comparing the Mark on the Work, to the Marks on their Table, may thereby be prefently difcovered

Every Worker dwelling in the City of Londonf and alfo thofe in other places, whofe Marksare not fo made known, accerding to the aforefaid Slatutes; that is tofay, Thofe Workers in the feven Touch-Towns not making their Marks known to the Surveyor there (that is the chief Magiftrate) in the place where each Worker inhabits: And every Worker in Goldfmiths Work in London, and all other places throughout England, not making their Marks known as aforefaid to the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, fuch Marks are deemed no Marks; and the making and felling Gold or Silver Work whereon fuch fraudulent Marks are fet, is as punifhable as the working and felling Gold or Silver work that is worfe than Standard as aforefaid.

Our Law-makers did appoint the thus fetting the Marks on the Work, for the fecureft way to prevent fraud in this kind; for if it would not deter

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deter from the working and relling courfe Gold and Silver works, yet would it be a fure way to find out the Offenders, and to have the injured righted: But if the Marks might be omitted, and the work fhould pals into a third owners hand, for the molt part it would be impoffible to difcern one mans work from anothers; by reafon that divers Workers make all forts of work in fhape fo near alike.

If any perfon do, or thall counterfeit, or caufe to be counterfeited the Companies Marks, or any of them, or the Workers Marks (that are made known to the Surveyors, or Wardens as aforefaid) on any Gold or Silver work, by any ways or means whatfoever, be the Gold or Silver either Standard, or better, or worfe. The Counterfeitere, and the perfons caufing the Marks to be counterfeited are punifhable for every fuch Offence by Indictment and Fine to the King; and fometimes (as the Offence may be circumftantiated) by the Pillory ; after which the Company or Party whofe Marks are counterfeited, may bring their Action againft the Offender, and recover the damage fuftained.

The reafonis, for that the counterfeiting the Marks, is (in this Trade) of the moft evil confequence imaginable; for it prevents the difcovering the Makers of falfe and unlawful Gold and Silver works, and deftroys the fecurity, and prevents the knowiedge of good and true works; and thereby puts a cheat upon the Kingdom: It alfo difcourageth the honeft Goldfmith, by falfe and unlawful Works paffing under his name, and for his making; and by fuch means may bring

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them in danger of the Pillory, and (by feveral other circumftances) of being undone, and may bring the Corporation in danger of being diffolved, or at leaft put them to exceeding great charge; and many more evils do attend this wicked action : therefore cannot be too feverely punifhed.

For the difcovery of falfe Gold and Silver from that which is good, and to know the true value thereof, the manner is this: The Affay-mafter puts a fmall quantity of the Silver upon tryal (on a Cople or Teft) in the Fire; and when refined to the higheft degree of finenefs, taking it out again, he with his exact Scales that will turn with the weight of the hundredth part of a Grain, computes (by the wafte of that fmall quantity) how much impurity or adulteration is in each ounce or pound of the Silver from which it was taken, and fo reporteth the goodnefs or badnefs of the Gold or Silver.

Here it may be expected that I fhould give the true procefs (in every circumftance) of making Affays by fire, as the dimenfions and manner of the Furnace, and by whom they are made, and how to make the fire in the fame; and the fort of Bone afhes, and its finenefs, and of whom procured, and how to temper, and make the fame athes into Coples, and the dimenfions and manner of the Coples, and the juft quantity of Silver, and alfo Lead to put on the Cople, and how to place the fame in the fire; and of the feveral obfervations to be made on the Metal when it is refining on the Cople, and when to take it out of the fire, and of the cleaning it.from all filth by

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knocking it with a Hammer; and affo of the curious Scales, and a cafe glazed to hang them in; and of what material to make a certain weight for the quantity of Silver to put on the Cople, and certain Weights of the féveral degrees, and the fine Pincers or Nippers to handle them to gage the Aflay, and compute by its wafte or diminution, its betternefs or worfeners in the pound weight, when 'tis fo refined: but this being a work of fuch difficulty to perform exactly, that 'tis impoffible to give a clear intelligible demonftration thereof by words only, but muft be acquired by ingenuiry in practice after fight of the work performed, and is a fubject fit for the ftudy and practice, not only for all Goldfmiths, but for all Gentlemen, to the end the general knowledge herein may the better prevent fo great and frequent deceits in Gold and Silver works. And for their encouragement, note further, that Gold Affays are mannaged with the materials, and in the fame manner: and after it is refined on the cople (as afore is mentioned of the Silver) it muft be beat thin, and roul'd up loofely, and put in warm ftrong Aqua-fortis, which will purifie it from the Silver ; and yet the Gold will remain in the thin Plate, although very brittle.

In the Affay Office are kept Anvils, Hammers, Bickerns, Stakes, Vices, and all other convenient Tools to Arike the Companies Marks, which ought to be done clear and vifible on fuch Work that is Standard; and what is worfe ought to be broken and defaced, whereby thoufands of ounces of defective Silver yearly receives execution: whence it may be inferred, That if fo many pieces of

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Plate and Silver work (that are brought to receive the Companies Marks) be broken and defaced, which were not furpected by the Owner, then furely the Silver Work never defigned to be brought to be Affayed and Marked, much more deferves to be fo ferved.

The faid Company hath now appointed only Three days in every Week, (to wit) ©ltc\{oays, chutnays, and atmoapg, (formerly every working day) to Affay and Mark the Silver Work: And all perfons workers in Gold and Silver Works in the City of London, and three miles of the fame City, are now (as by Law they ought to be) allowed to receive the Companies Marks on their Work; for although fome perfons are or may be fufpected to have no right to follow the Goldfmiths Trade, yet they are to be allowed the Affay and Touch, until they fhall be convitted upon the Statute of 5 Eliz: 4. for not having ferved feven years Apprentifhip thereto, or upon the Statutes that forbids Aliens the exercifing any Manual Trade or Myftery within this Realm. And in cafe of the Workers neglect to bring their Work to be Affayed and Marked, the Wardens are to enforce the fame, by going often on their Search ; and where they find any Gold or Silver Works finithed, and expofed to Sale (amongit any Workers or Traders therein) that are not marked according to Law, they are to feize and try the fame. And although the Silver is Sterling, they are to Fine the Offender for fuch his unlawfil neglect, to the value of the fame unmarked Work. See Statute 37 Edw. 3.7. before cited.

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In the afore recited Statute of the 28 Edw. I. Cap. 20. it is Enacted, Jhat no manter of Beffit of Siluer acpart out of the Eants of the Boafters, until it be faped for the Mardeng of the draft: 3nd further, ©hat it he $\mathfrak{M g}$ arfed with the Leopards-Head. And in the afore recited Statute of 2 Henry 6. 14. it is Enacted, Syat no dolarmith no? Tewel: fex, noe any othor that wosfety harncta af Silbur, fiall fet any af tife fares to fale luithin the fity af London, befoge that it he courted mity the couth, and alfo mity the grank oz Bign of tige Modenman of the fame.

For the underftanding of which, it is to be known, That all manner of Silver Work made to hold any liquid or other matter, is to be comprehended under, and called by the general name of Veffels, although in the particulars, they are called by feveral other names: As the Coin of this Kingdom is called by the general term of Money ; but in the particular parts thereof are called by feveral other names, as Pence; Shillings, \&c.

Under the title or term of Harnefs, (in the faid Statute) is included all kind of Furniture for defence of Man and Horfes againft the Enemy, as Swords, Buckles for Belts, Gurdles, and fuch like; and alfo all other manner of wearing Inftruments for War: which term of Harse/s, (in the fame fignification as we take it, by the opinion of the beft Expofitors) is mentioned, 2 Chron. 9. 24. fer. 46.4. Exod. 13 . 18.

And that Hilts for Swords are comprehended under the term of Harness, as well as Buckles

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for Belts or Girclles, which may be collected by the Statutes; 5 Hen.4.13. 3 Edw. 4.4. I Rich.3. 12. And 5 Eliz. 7 . thofe Buckles are there called Harnefs, they being a material part of Girdles or Belts, and neceffary to compleat the fame for Martial actions, whereunto they are properly defigned. And a Girdle or Belt being of no ufe to that end without a Sword to be worn in the fame, and the Hilt being the chief defenfive part of that Weapon, the fame muft confequently be included under the term of Harne/s.

Which granted, it muft be concluded, That all Hilts of Silver, and Buckles of Silver for Girdles or Belts, \&xc. (being comprehended under the term of Harne/s) are by the recited Statute of 2 Hen. 6. Cap. 14. to be touthed mity the couth, (that is) Affayed and Marked by the Wardens of the Goldfmiths.

Note, Their fo doing was anciently called the Touch; and the Wardens that are to make the Affays, and mark the Silver, are now called the Touch-Wardens.

By all which 'tis manifeft, That all Silver Hilts for Swords, and Silver Buckles for Girdles or Belts, are not only to be of the finenefs of Sterling, but alfo Affayed and Marked by the Wardens of the Goldfmiths before they be expored to fale, upon pain of forfeiting double the value thereof.

From which I infer,( that the afore recited Statutes politively appointing all Veffels and Harne/s of Silver to be marked with the Companies Marks) The Wardens would have done well, if (as touching Veffels and Harnefs) they had omitted thefe Ambiguous words in their late Precept hereafter

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 (hereafter inferted) (viz.) if the fain 1 Oopltit will conturniently fiear the fame; when in truth all the faid Works can and muft bear the fame. This, the Wardens have complied with, as by another precept by them fet forth (and herein alfo inferted) it doth appear.Therefore I conclude, That if the Wardens of the Goldfmiths fhall be remifs in compelling (not only by precept, but alfo by all other ways, as by Law they are enjoyned) all Workers of $V_{e f f}$ els, and all Workers of Hilts for Swords, Buckles, and other Harnefs of Silver in the City of London, and three miles off the fame, to bring the fame Works to receive their Marks as aforefaid, it' will be great Imprudence in them to lay themfelves by fuch neglects open to the Law, when fo fmall induftry will preventit.

And I do further aver, that if any Worker (of Hilts for Swords, Buckles for Girdles or Belte, and other Harnefs of Silver) in London, and three miles compafs of the fame City, do wilfully refure or neglect to bring the fame works to receive the Companies Marks when fuch works are not befpoke in extreme hafte; fuch perfon-worker is difaffected to an honeft reformation, and may juftly be fufpected to practice thofe deceits, which 1 hereby endeavour to fupprefs: And if fuch his Works were frequently examined, the truth of my affertion would plainly appear, although his Mark befet on the fame: And the tollerating the contempt of the Laws in this cafe, is not only a means to bring a light efteem upon all, but will in thort time occafion the adulterating the Goldfmiths Works as bad as ever.

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It is queried by fome, whether the felling, expofing to fale, exchanging or bartering Silver Works that is Sterling; and the marks not fet thereon (as before is mentioned) be punifhable by Law, it being no pofitive deceit: The anfwer is,

That where a Statute commands a thing to be done, if the fame be omitted, it is a contcmpt of that Law, and punifhable, efpecially in this cafe, where it may be confidered, that although it be not a direct deceit, yet to omit the marking of good Gold or Silver work is of ill example, and opens a door to deceit, for the permitting a worker to omit the ferting his own Mark, or the obtaining the Companies Marks on his good work, is to encourage him at another time to work courfe Gold or Silver (which be will affuredly do, the benefit or gains is fo bewitching) and fince by fuch omiffion, if it be of theCompanies Marks, they will avoid making recompence to the party grieved; and if it be of the Workers Marks, the Maker and Seller thereof may thereby remain undifoovered, and fo avoid making fatisfaction for his deceit.

And to encourage the feverity in curbing there defects, I affert, that if the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, upon their Search do take fuch unmarked, and therefore furpeeted Works to their Hall, and upon trial it be found Standard: and if by the frraping or cutting off Silver for the Affay, or the fetting thereon the Companies Marks, the Work be injured or prejudiced, the Wardens are not to make good, nor anfwer for the fame, fince thofe Works were not, before they were finifhed for fale,

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fale, marked according to Law, but rather fine the Offenders for the neglect as aforefaid.

Note, It is of great concern, that the Stamps be kept clean and bright, to make the Marks appear the more decent on the Work, and to prevent their being counterfeited; to which purpofe, the ftamp; mult be well tempered, nether too hard nor too foft, and well and fmooth polifhed when firft made, and on a piece of fmooth, thick, dry, tann'd Calves-Leather, nailed on a fmooth board, and fome putty on that Leather, every time before and after the ufing the Stamps, rub them very well; and to make them very clean in the deep corners of the Marks, rub them with a very fine brafs or iron Brufh; and forubbing the Marks, one while on the Putty-Leather, and another while with the brufh, untill they be clean and bright; and if you put a little clean Oyl on a clean Linnen-cloath, and with it fmear the ftamps at the time of ufing them, it will make them wear the fmoother, and fharper, and hold the longer from breaking.

Igive thefe directions, becaure I find the Marks (efpecially the Workers) are many of them fo ill kept, and fo dull and blindly fet on the Works, that they can hardly be diftinguifhed, but feem like a botch or defect on the fame.

In the Statute of 2 Hen. 6. 14. it is enacted, That Sodder fhall be allowed for the making up all Silver Wares (to wit) fo much axi is necel: farp faz lowifing the fame. For the Explaining this word (Receffary) fee the Statute of 18 Eliz. 15. thereby the fame quantity of Sodder is ap.pointed again, and further Enacted, ©hat na

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 that de deden ©unte tma pemp weight ; This is to be underftood of all the parts thereof, befides the Sodder ; for when all the Work is melted together, (that is) the foddered places with the reft, it will be worfe than that Allay, by fo much as the Sodder is worfe than Standard; therefore the fame Statutes though darkly, yet by a neceffary implication, limit the quantity of Sodder that fhall be allowed for all Wares to a penny-worth in the Ounce, or a four penny weight in the pound, by this claufe, noz take above the rate of thelve pente fog excry pound meight (that is, one pennyworth in every ounce) of folate az mared of Bilver focition the faffion, moze than the buper fhafl oz map fo alfomed for the fame at the ©uceng Erchange deqint. (That is)

If any Silver Work being melted, (with the Sodder thereof together) and it be more than the value of one pennyworth in the ounce, or four penny weight in the pound Troy worfe than Sterling, it is not to be allowed.

And therefore if fuch have only the Makers Mark thereon, the Maker incurs the penalty of paying the value of the whole Work; and if the fame be allowed and marked by the Company, they are to make fatisfaction to the party grieyed.

IN the Statutes afore recited, the term $\mathfrak{G o l}$ : $=$ fmity is frequently ufed; for the underftanding whereof, it is to be known, that the working, Japing, or fafkioinacy of Gold or Sit-

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 ver, either by a private Workman, or by the Mafter Shop-keeper, or his delivering out Gold or Silver to his Servants, or Workmen to be wrought, Baped, or faßbioned, either partly or wholl, into any fort of Work or Ware, either by Melting, Filing, or Hammering, or every of them, is, or may (according to ancient ufage, and the intent of the afore recited Statutes) be deemed and taken to be the Trade of the Goldfmitbs.Every Worker of Gold or Silver Wares as aforefaid, is by the intent of the Law a Goldfmith, which appears by the faid Statute 18 Eliz. 15 . which principally aimed at the reforming the abufe of making and felling deceitful Gold and Silver Works: for if the makers of that Statute did not intend and conclude all workers of Gold and Silver Wares as aforefaid to be Goldfmiths, and all Workers and Retailers of deceitful Gold and Silver Works, to be thereby punifhable; that Statute (which is the laft made in that cafe) would be ineffectual, and the abufe it intended to reform, would notwithftanding remain.

Note, That the fitting or joyning any Goldfmiths Works, to the Works of other Trades; as a Curter fitting or joyning Silver Caps or Verrels to Knife-hafts; or his fitting or joyning Silver Hilts to Sword or Rapier-Blades; or a Girdler fitting or rivetting Silver Buckles to Belts or Girdles, and in all fuch like cafes, although they ufe the File or Hammer in fodoing, it cannot be deemed or taken to be exercifing the Goldfmiths trade. And although it be working in silver, it cannot be truly faid to be the Working, Shaping, or fafbioning Silver into dny fort of Goldjmiths Works.

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And in like manner on the contrary, the fitting or jovning the works either of the Cutlers orGirdlers Trade to the works of the Goldfmiths Trade, is not, nor can be reafonably taken to be exercifing either the Cutlers or Girdlers Trade.

Note alfo, That in all Manual Trades, it is the fhaping or fafhioning the Works thereof, that muft be deemed and taken to be following or exercifing the fame.

For the diftinguifhing the proper Works belonging to the Goldfmiths, and other Manual Trades, I will give you the meaning of the word (Works) and then inftance a few Works of fome Trades, by which the reft may be known.

To the firft, you are to know that the Wares of any Manual Trade in the finifh'd form or fafhion thereof, or in a form or fhape tending thereto, is, and may properly be deemed and taken to be the Works of fuch Trade.

To the fecond, you are to know that all manner of Works made of Gold or Silver (as aforefaid) are the Goldfmiths Works, the Wardens of that Corporation, being (both by Statute Laws and their Charter) made Surveyors and Tryers thereof.

And all manner of Works made of Tin or Pewter, are the Works of the Pewterers Trade, the Mafter and Wardens (of that Corporation) being, both by Statute Laws and their Charter, made Surveyors and Tryers of the fame.

And all manner of Works made of Iron or Steel, or both, and fhaped into Knives, Razors, §izers, Swords, Rapiers, and all manner of Cut-:ing-Infruments, and the parts thereto belong-

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ing, for compleating or finifhing the fame, are the Works of the Cutlers Trade; and fo of all other Trades, as they were exercifed in the fifth year of Queen Elizabeth, and not as they are now intermingled.

Which intermingling of feveral Trades, hath happened by divers perfons unlawfully exercifing fome Trades joyntly with their own proper Trades, and their bringing up Apprentices thereto ; although fuch Mafters were therein tranfgreffors of the Law, yet their Apprentices ferving feven years thereto, may lawtully follow the fame.

And the Artifts of any Manual Trade may fhape their Works into what fhape or fathion they pleare, without tranfgreffing the Statute of 5 Eliz. 4.

A Goldfmith may fafhion or form his Gold or Silver into Head-pieces, Gorgets, Gantlets, ©̛c. which are in fhape like the Works of the Armorers Trade. And

A Goldrmith may form or thape his Gold or Silver into Flagons, Tankards, Candlefticks Porringers, $\mathfrak{e c c}$. whichare in fhape like the Works of the Pewterers Trade.

He may fhape his Gold or Silver into Firefhovels, Tongs, Andirons, Locks, or Hinges. Ơc. which are like the Works of the Blackfmiths Trade. And

He may fhape his Gold or Silver into Hilts, Pomels, Chapes, eric. which are in fhape like the Works of the Cutlers Trade.

And a Cutler may form and thape his Knives, Szers, Razors; Sword or Rapier-Blades, Hilts, Pom-

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Pommels, Chapes, and the parts belonging to a Sword, into what form or fafhion he pleafeth; but he muft always make them of the Metal proper to their Trade.

And although it be the Goldfmiths Trade to fhape their Works in likenefs to the works of the Pewterers or Cutlers Trade; yet it muft not be with Pewter or Tin, or Iron, or Steel, but with Gold or Silver.

And although it be the Pewterers Trade to form or thape their Works in likeners to the Works of the Goldfmiths Trade, yet it muft be with Pewter or Tin, and not with Gold or Silver.

And although it be the Cutlers Trade to fhape their Works or Inftruments of Cutting into what thape or fafhion they pleafe; yet it muft be with iron, or fteel, or both; and fuch other matter for the appurtenances (as wood for the handle, and wood and leather for the fcabbards and fheaths, *F.) as were in thofe cafes ufed in the fifth year of the Queen, and not with Gold or Silver ; only they have and do of late buy Gold and Silver Wier of the Goldfmith for adorning their Sword and Rapier handles, and in-laying the Works appertaining thereto.

But when the Gentry and people fancied the wearing Hilts, erc. of Gold or Silver, they befpoke and bought them of the Goldrmiths, and what Cutlers works were neceffary to be joyned thereto, they bought of the Cutlers, and then procured them to be joyned together.

And 'tis well known that the Cutlers did not heretofore until within the laft thirty years, keep a Silver or Gold Hilt, or any other Goldfmiths

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works in their Shops, except the Gold and Silver Wier as aforefaid: Neither did they intermeddle with buying or felling the fame, but fuch works were wholly confined among the Goldimiths.

Neither have the Cutlers Corporation any Authority either by Patent or Statute-Law, to inffect, try, or regulate the Works of Goldor Silver, or to punifh the abufes therein. Therefore the working Gold or Silver into works (be it of any fhape or fafhion whatfoever) is not the Cutlers Trade.

And if a Cutler fhall buy a filver Hilt, or other Goldfmiths Work, and joyn the fame to a Sword or Rapier Blade, or the like; no more thereof is to be accounted the works of this proper Trade than what is within the jurifdiction of the Mafter and Wardens of the Cutlers to fearch for, try, and regulate: And not any part thereof that is within the jurifdiction of the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, to furvey, try, and regulate.

And if a Goldfmith fhall joyn a Sword or Ra-pier-blade or any other Cutlers work, to a Silver Hilt, or any other Goldfmiths Works, fuch doing of the Goldfmith cannot be (in reafon accounted) the exercifing the Cutlers Trade ; it being only joyning the works of one Trade to the works of another Trade ; and is, and hatk been frequently practifed, not only by the Taylors joyning PlateButtons to a Garment; and aCabinet-Maker joyning Silver hinges, and other Goldfmiths works to a Cabinet; and a Girdlers joyning Silver Buckles to Girdles or Belts, but alfo in divers others Trades; as a Smith or Carpenter joyning Hinges, Barrs, and Cramps of Iron (which are Works of the Blackfmiths Trade) to Works of the Carpenters Trade;

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Trade; and an Upholfterer joyning the works of feveral Trades to each other, and was never accounted to be the exercifing any of them, neither a tranfgreffing the faid Statute 5 Eliz. 4 .

And to fuppofe that the joyning. the works of one Trade to the works of another Trade, is the following or exercifing any of thofe Trades, according to the faid Statute of Eliz. there is the fame reafon to fuppofe that a perfon having ferved feven years Apprentifhip to a Taylor or a Cabinet maker, or any other Trade, (to the works whereof are joyned the works of the Goldfmiths Trade) may after fuch Apprentifhip law fully follow and exercife all or any part of the Goldfmiths Trade; and that a perfon having ferved feven years Apprentifhip to the Carpenters Trade, may lawfully follow and exercife the Blackfmiths Trade; and a perfon having ferved feven years Apprentifhip to the Blackfmiths Trade, may law fully follow and exercife the Carpenters Trade: and a perfon having ferved feven years Apprentifhip to the Trade of an Upholiter, may lawfully exercife and follow either the Joyners, or Smiths, or Brafiers, or Turners, or Weavers, or Gilders Trade, they frequently joyning the works of every of thefe Trades to each other. But thefe fuppofitions are utterly falfe, and the unreafonablenefs and unpracticablenefs thereof is vifible to every capacity.

From all which I infer, that neither the buying and felling the works of any Manual Trade, nor the joyning the works of one Manual Trade to the works of another, is intended by the Stat. 5 sliz. 4 , to be the exercifing or following any of them.

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Every perfon having ferved feven years Apprentifhip, or as an Apprentice, (to any perfon that did before, and during the faid term follow the Goldfmiths Trade as aforefaid) fuch perfons and their Apprentices (and none other) may lawfully follow or exercife the fame. See the Statute 5 Eliz. Cap. 4.

The branch thereof touching this point is verbatim as followeth, (viz.)
 thozity afozedaid, dyat after the frif dap of May next coming, it fhall not le lamful
 ag now za lalufulfy ule

 de wanual (orupation, now ufed or occupied within this Realm of Englard or Wales (exs fept be fhall habe been heangt up therein fencn yexum at the leaft ag an 3 pxerntice in mamter and foem aholifaid; 102 to fet
 az ©rcupation, (bint not a wodman at thig day) extept he fhafl bawe been ?ip= pecntice adita afoefaid, of effe fabing fex= bed ag an 3 ppyentice asi ig afoeraid, fhall of will betome a Fournepman, os hired hu the pear, unan pain that cherp peron wil= lingly affending, of baing the contrary, Ghafl fozfeit and lofe foe curry irfault foztu tilling $\mathfrak{t a z} \mathfrak{f a x r}$ montly,

The meaning of the faid Branch more fully to this purpofe is thus, (viz.)
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fom the daturnity draxe he muft have
 3 pupentice furn peargion aperon that did betaze futh zuppentifip (and alfo buring that term) fallow the baldinitha Txade ag afdefaid, openly, commonly, and fuputs= lick fozatition make and fell Goldfmiths Works, and not pituatelp lef fealth.

An Information was brought in the Kings-Bench at WeStminfter in Hillary Term, the 27 of King Cbarles II. againft H. H. for exercifing the Goldfmiths Trade, (not having ferved feven years Apprentifhip thereto) contrary to the faid Statute of Eliz. one witnefs on the Defendants part teftified his fervice feven years; but the Lord Chief Juftice Hale gave direction to the Jury, that unlefs it be proved that the Defendants Mafter did make and fell Goldfmiths works fome confiderable time before the Defendant became his Apprentice, they muft find for the Plaintiff; it being ftrongly fuggefted, that inftead of the Mafter teaching the Defendant, he the Apprentice did teach the Mafter to make Silver Hilts, and other Goldfmiths works; and that the Defendants Apprentifhip was only for colour to his following the Goldfmiths Trade ; but upon other teftimonies for the Defendant, the Plaintiff fuffered a Non-fuit.

The intent of the Statute for confining perfons te feven years Apprentifhip to follow thofe Manual Trades, is this, (to wit) that they may in all probability be skilful, and the better Workmen; and by confequence make all their works the more decent and ferviceable: And although fome are very botchers that have been brought up in

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fuch Apprentifhips; and fome good Work-men that never were fo inftructed, which are rarities, and do happen but feldom, yet very common it is, and well known that perfons become curious Artifts in thofe Trades wherein they are fo brought up, that otherwife would not be fo.

Wherefore if this Branch of the Statute fhould be repealed, or made of noufe by not being favoured in the Courts where Cafes thereon fhall happen to be tryed, it will not only be confiderable lofs, and difcredit to the people of this Kingdom by bad workmanfhip, but alfo much difcourage the putting Children or Youth to ferve feven years to fuch Trades for a way of livelihood, when every botcher may without fuch fervice follow them at pleafure.

And thofe that would otherwife be curious Artifts, will be difcouraged fo to be, by forefeeing a neceffity to fell their works at the prices, for which the botchers fell theirs, or have none or very little Trade.

And although this holds not true in the general, fome wearing or ufing buyers being fo skilful to chufe good workmanthip, and refure the bad, or give a futable price for either; yet certain it is, that ill workmanfhip is not fufficient punifhment in it felf to the maker, by not having vent, for the greateft part of the wearing or ufing-Buyers having very little or no skill, do take all forts of works upon that little skill they have, or upon the commendation of the feller, (who certainly will not difparage, nor fpeak any thing that may leffen the efteem of the fame ) and thus are deceived, when a due obferving the Laws would prevent it.

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Note, That thofe who have been Apprentices in London for feven years to any Trade (whether Manual or other) and made Free of that City, may ufe any other Trade in the fame City, that is, leave off the Trade which they ferved unto, and follow any other Buying or Selling Trade; but not a Manual Trade intended by the Statute 5 Eliz. 4. Neither may they exercife or follow two Trades at one time, unlefs having ferved feven years Apprentifhip to them joyntly together: And if they leave off fuch complext-Trades, they may not take up or follow but one other Buying and felling-Trade at one time. This is by the ancient cuftom (of the City) in being long before that Statute was made.

And for preventing the miftake upon the Care of Fobn Tolley, Hill. 12 fac. in Banco rep. and Bulstrod, I. 190, 191. it may be obferved, that the faid Tolley having ferved feven years to a Woolpacker in London, and being made Free of that City, leaveth that Trade, and betaketh himfelf to the Trade of an Upholfterer, which is only a Buying and Selling Trade, and not a Manual Trade, comprehended in the faid Statute.

Every one, before that Statute, might by the Common Law follow what Trade he pleafed (or was capable of ) except in London, and the Liberties of the fame: the cuftom whereof, in the care of Manual Trades (as aforefaid) being long before that Statute was made, fo well approved, that it became the pattern for the reft of the Kingdom, and all were by a Law, confined to ob.. ferve and keep that fo long experienced wholefome Cuftom of the City of London.

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So that neither by that cafe, nor any other, can it be proved that any perfon may follow or exercife in London, or elfewhere, any Manual Trade, comprehended in the faid Statute, that hath not been brought up feven years as an Apprentice thereto as aforefaid.

Note, That though an Infant may voluntarily bind himfelf an Apprentice, and if he continue an Apprentice for feven years, he may at that feven years end have the benefit and ufe of his Trade; and no Covenant of an Apprentice-Infant will bind him for longer term of Apprentifhip than feven years.

This is to be underftood of all Apprentices bound before the Juftices of the Counties, in fuch places where all perfons by the Common Law (before the Statute of Eliz.) might exercife and follow what Manual Trade they pleafed without ferving Apprentifhip thereto.

But that holds not where the cuftom of any Corporation is otherwife, as in London it was (before that Statute, and now is) that no perfon fhould exercife any Manual Trade therein, unle'f he fhall have ferved feven years.Apprentifip thereto at the leaft And that an Infant of a competent age, as either of 11, 12, 13, 14. years or more, having bound himfelf an Apprentice by Covenant of Indenture for eight or nine years, or mọe, and it be inrolled before the Officer (as the Chamberlain in London) appointed for that purpore, that fuch his Infant-Covenant Mould be good, and oblige him to ferve out that time, before he fhould have the benefit and ufe of his Trade, or be freed from his Matter.

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This Cuftom of Londorn is the Common Law of London, and will ftand good againft the Common Law of the Kingdom, there being no Statute that controuls, but many that confirms it : And an action thereon will hold in any Court againft any Apprentice fo bound, and inrolled, that fhall go from his Mafter after feven years end (without his confent) before the expiration of the refidue of the term in his Indentures, and futable damage will be recovered.

Note alfo that the Covenants of Apprentifhip of any perfon under twenty one years of age will not bind him, (but is utterly void in Law ) unlefsit be inrolled, before the Chamberlain of London, or the Juftices in the Counties, or the Officers in Corporations, according to Law and Cuftom.

Note further that Aliens (that is, thofe born out of the Kings Dominions, and of Parents out of the Kings obedience) not made Denizens, are difabled by our Laws to follow (as Mafters) the Goldfmiths Trade, although they have been brought up feven years, as Apprentices thereto. See the Decree made in the Star-Chamber the Twentieth day of February, in the 20. Year of Henry VIII. and confirmed by Stat. 21 Hen.8. 16. the branch thereof to this purpofe is verbatim thus, (viz.)

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 buithin thitu mur fealm, fadf from that dam fazmard fet up wetrep anulante, shoy, of Thamfier within our aity of London, $\mathfrak{B u}=$
 within anu other ©itp, ©omm, 23 urrough,
 he fhall cxercife and patatice any tyandi: craft oz gepiftern, upon pain tointur, and run into fucti Benaltied as be contained in the statuted befoze thif time made and enatto.

The Penalties referred to, by the faid Decree and Statute, is mentioned in a branch of the Statute I Rich.3.9. which is verbatim thus, viz.
 iot the fing ( Thalf exercife oz accupp anu qanditraft; 0 ? the ©rcupation of anp Aandicrafteman in thig fiealm of England; fat that afl fucty perfond, whith after the faid fraft of Eafter fhall come into thix fealm, every of them fhafl acpart int their omit country again, of effe he $\begin{gathered}\text { servanty } \\ \text { to fuch of the }\end{gathered}$
 cunning in futh feity, Olrti, and drafty; which the faid stranger can octupy, upon pain of fazfeiture of all their godit, thbity Gall come and omell in thit ifealm cantra: zp tathix ont, in whare hande foeyer then balf he fauna.

Note, That all Aliens and Denizens, are by the Statute 5 Eliz. 4. forbidden the ufe of any Handicraft Trades, named or intended by that E 2 Sta-

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Statute, that have not been Apprentices thereto feven years, or ferved as Apprentices feven years within this K'calm, upon the faid penalty. See for this Hutton, 132. Jenk. Cent. 7. Care 15.
(fye one falt of whicy foefeiture in the
 fy the faid Statute, ty to be to tye fing; the other galf to him os them that milf faje the fante, oz puthe foz the fame ha 30 ation
 $\mathfrak{b i l l} \mathfrak{o}_{2} \mathfrak{p l a i n t}$ after the $\mathfrak{C u f t o m}$ of the $\mathfrak{C t}=$

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 fuch befendant in the fame, a Rich. 3.9.

And in the cafe of Apprentices, upon the Statute of s Eliz. 4. ©he one half of all foaz= feitures and jonnaltieg $\mathfrak{x p p e f}$ and men= tioned therein, (other than fith as are ex= peedpatherivife appointed) fhall be to the (Ancensingajetu, yer fetrs and Sutcer: fosg ; tye othex $\mathfrak{A c h a t y}$ to him orthen that mitl fue foz the fame inany of the ouedng shajefies dourty of wetaza, ar befoe any of the $\mathcal{F} \mathfrak{u f i c e q}$ af Oyer and Terminer, of $\mathfrak{y c}=$ foze any other guftice de fleffient and
 Wefit, Finfocmation, Sill of romplaint, as athermife ; in whith 2latong oz Euitai
 be aflomed.

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Ond that the faid Tuftices, oftwo af them, whercaf one to he of the Quorum,


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 $\mathfrak{C r g i b i t e d}$ hy any perfon:and fanll and may $\mathfrak{h y}$ birtue hercof make peoced againft tye Oefendant, andaward dercution, as in any other cafe they latufully map by anp the Pamg and statuteg of thit ficalm: 3tnd $\mathfrak{t h a f f}$ parfix $\mathfrak{i l l}$ Michaelmas-Term, $\mathfrak{t e r}=$

 ftatute, that thafl be faund hefaze them, into the court of Exchequer in fike fort and form ax thex fo foumd to $\mathfrak{b r t i f i e}$ the ©fitratg foz other ©ffuceq and foofei tures to fo lofthefoze them, and thing in this statute tontaine to the tantrary not= witytansing.

Now as I have thewn fome reafons for the making that branch in the Statute for confining perfons io feven years Apprentifhip to follow the Manual Trades, fol think it neceffary to give you the reafons for making the Laws againft Aliens, following (as Mafters) any Manual Trade

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within this Realm; which reafons are amply fet down, both in the Preamble of the afore-mentioned Decree, and in the faid Statute of 1 Rich. 3.9. Thofe in the Statute are verbatim thus, viz.
 and otife stranterg not fozl under the Fing obevante, bo daily refot and re= pair to the $\mathbb{T i t y}$ of London, and to other $\mathbb{G}$ : tieg, $\mathfrak{B u x f o u g h y , ~ a n d ~ d a m n i ~ o f ~ t h e ~ f a i d ~}$
 ona in times paft, and inthabit be themfluex
 den, and feuthold, and milf not take up= on them any laboziout octupation; $\mathfrak{a x}$ going to ylow, of dart, andother life hu: finedx, but ule the making of Cloty, and otfer handirraftw, andeaft (ornpationg; and bing and tonbey from the parta be=
 and $\mathfrak{g h e r c h a n d i z e g}$ to faits and shartety, and afl other plated of thig fiealm at their pleafure; and there fefl the fame, as mell bu fietail ax otherwife; ax frcelp at amy of the fintge subjerta ufe to $\mathfrak{z o}$, to the great dammane and impourribment of the fingstati Subicat.

Ond dinill in no mife fuffer noz tafte anp
 them, fut they tahe only into their $\mathfrak{s e r}$ : bite, peaple froin in their olm dountrey; totherety the fing faid subictg foz fack of Octupation fall into idlinety, and he
 ple of bicious living, to the great per:

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 turfante foth of the fing and all his
 and strangct fifoze rethearid hawe gain: ca mityin this feafin, $\mathfrak{b y} 2 \mathfrak{D i t h i n g}$ and Selfing, of hu fuch cafte octupations and ligandirafty, great fufitante of Gands, with the fame fubfance rivego out af thy faid fealm, tofuth parts bepond the sea, ag them lifety heft, and there furno the fame goods oftentimes amongt the fintax 30 Derfaries and enemiex to tie freat Damage of our Soberetgn Toza the fing and hit $\mathfrak{s u l j e c t s}$, and impoucribing of thit fixalm, and the fommand of the fame.

Ind fo by the accafion of the pecmifies, the fubitance of the guhabitants in the
 of late hath fallen, and daily $\mathfrak{d o t h}$ fafl into great paderty and deraw, to their areat unooing ; unters the lingg grattout aid he tothem inthiw beyaff fhemed.

The reafons in the afore recited Decree made in the 20 Hen. 8. are verbatim thus, (viz.)

Motyc of late our true and faitufur subt jety , Mrtificex , and flanaicraftimen, boen under aur ©hepance, mhabiting bithin our dity of London, and the suburd of the fame, exhifited unto uxa fameata= $\mathfrak{b l e} 2 \mathfrak{i l l}$ of $\mathfrak{C o m p l a i n t}$; tontaining, that notwity tanding many gnod and neteflary
 ben pubitifed, dedained, and made; and efpectally one in the firf year of 非ing Ri-

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chard the shite ; and the ather feing made In the fief para of the figign af dur deareft Fatber af noble whanozy, Henry VII. Iate
 15, year of out ifogn, comerming stran=
 Goen out of our ofeytanes, wifig and erer= cifitg fandicraftui within this oun inatm
 the $\mathfrak{c x c}$ fibe number, anduntafonaber
 fon out of alt ofocprante; which bu con= timual refot and repair into thig our faid Tifalm, daily increafe , to the great de=


 cicg ; bu actafion that diberg of the fata Subjerts fos latf of grapation fall inta iduntix.

3ax affa for the finfomation of fumper dercits and falfoode, peaction bu the faid Stantiget 30rtitcergin tye faid fandi= crafts, to the freat dammage and lofs of um, and of all out faid natural subjents.

The raid 5 tranterg 3 difictus, nothing panarting of deadind the caid statute ${ }^{3}$, ne the penalties in the fame contained and $\mathfrak{e x p z e f e d}$, ceale not contemptuoufy as wall to ahule the faid statutes, and nof part entirely to infringe and beeaf the fame.

Thad to accumulate from time to time mase ©ifncex and dnozmitica ag welf a=
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 ment of the commonwealty of thia dux xitalm; and our fobing Subjate of the fame ; foz loytn any farch fiall he made in $\mathfrak{e d x r p}$ fandicraft within anp $\mathbb{C i t y}$, Tomn, ot $\mathfrak{B u}$ urrough $\mathfrak{C o z p o z a t e}$, within our fand Ifealm, he our subjeta, the faid mar= acns and otyctis ozdaturd he the faid laf

 bepfance, inizabitint bithin our faid dity,

 fent the faid $\mathfrak{s t r a n t e r}$ fecius a moutfol= $\mathfrak{a c r}, \mathfrak{a g}$ befoec ig faid, leing lawfully yar: ned and requircd thercunto, atcozoing to
 totycrein, of chf be wifl give fecret warn= int thercof to big $\mathfrak{D z e t h e n}$ of the faid $\mathfrak{C r a f t g}$.

Agheregu they yaur not only conteped and hid alf their unlawful, untrue, fubtil and deceitful Wares, which they untruly, fubtilly, and unfubftantially, and deceitfully have made, and daily make and utter to our $\mathfrak{s u b j e t a i}$ at $\mathfrak{e x}=$ tefitue and unteafonable putcex, to the ifrcat detriment and dammagey of pur faid sub
 tices thep babe fia from the fnoluleage of the fain mardent, when any futh farch hath happenca to he made.

Tha fo the defrallo the fame good and fonozable statute and ont ; for that theres of $\mathfrak{n o l a m f u l ~ p u n i t m e n t ~ c o u l d , ~ r a n , ~ m i g h t , ~}$

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on mapinfte actozing totye tenaz, purpazt, and effer af the faid statute, but fige cons temn, defife, andret at naught the fame; wherche, and be the otticu ulawfil means $\mathfrak{a f o c f a i d}$, tax baify incrafe in great fit= theg, and ingreat maltintid in munter of Strangers, thandicraftemen boen dut of out bluctance.
 the and $\mathfrak{m o n c y , ~ t y c y ~ a g a m i t ~ g u r ~ i a t u x ~}$ canucy the fame $\mathfrak{m o n c}$ duer the $\mathfrak{8 c a}$.

Ind then they ato ga oure the sia into their obn $\mathfrak{C a m i n t i c z}$, and there purdyafe them wands and Fincmats buth part thereof; and with the refibue of the fame thed five therehy ; and fometimes thep con= bert part thereat to the uff af dix entmicg in thafe parts.

3ind fant mell our pooz subjedz, cozd: wainery, and all our subicta landirraftl= $\mathbf{m e n}, \mathfrak{h o z n}$ within our ©hepfante, fy the meana afozefatio he foze impoderiflyed, mat= niffed, andalmoftutterln decaped and de= froped ; and many of them for fark of or: cupation in the faid mandicrafty, be cons frained to lixe in idtenela; ho accafion mbereat thep $\mathfrak{d o c}$ continually fall to Theft, Mqurder, and other great ©ffucts; and confeguently in great numbera be put to ocath by our Tamy, af we fe infomed.

Which reafons, if well confidered, and compared with the prefent grievances of our Manual Tradef-men, their condition will appear to be as bad as then, or rather worfe.

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The nature of their prefent cafe is thus, The poorer fort of Aliens of all forts of manual Trades, not able to live in their own Countrey, and others of them of extravagant difpofitions, have and do daily come into this Realm; and inftead of becoming Houfhold-fervants to ourNatives-Artificers, (which is allowed by our Laws, and the Laws of Nations to each of them for one month at one place, for their fuftenance as Travellers) do fettle at firft in private corners, and in Garrets, and fuch like places, and chiefly in the out-parts of this City, and then for their prefent fuftenance, by one means or other, with extraordinanary neceffitated-diligence, they make Works, and then about with it they go, fometimes to the Gentry, and fometimes to the Native-Trader-men-Shop-keepers, and the fame works do fell for lefs profit than they could afford them, did they live like men.

The reafon thereof is, for that they know they tranfgrefs our Laws, and cannot withftand the feverity of them, unlefs by fuch their cheap felling they get favour amongft forme ill-minded $\mathrm{Na}-$ tives that value not the ruine of the publick, So they can advance tbeir prefent private benefit.

And when got into a way of Trade, they make their Works flight, unlawful, and fraudnlent, and fo by any deceitful means in their Trades, they get confiderable Riches, with which they either return into their own Countrey, or elfe procure themfelves to be Naturalized or made Denizens; and then their names being up, they fell all their Works (which do not in the leaft in Workmanfhip, exceed the Works of our Natives) at prices much above them.

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And it is notorionfy known, that our Natives expofing their own Works to fale awongst the Gentry, have been fighted, and their Works'so undervalued, that the fame Works they bave put into the hands of Aliens of the fame Trades; who being employed on purpofe, have expofed thofe Works to the fame Gentry, and bave obtained, not only the defired prices of the Owners, but a confiderable furpluffage to the benefit of themfelves.

Now obferve the ill confequence of fuffering thefe poor Caterpiller-Aliens thus to incroach and undermine us.

Our poor natural Englifh Manual Tradefmen (which are 2 numerable) in all probability might live well and comfortable on their Trades, they being in the general no whit inferior therein, to any people in the world: Thefe I fay, feeing their Trades thus undermined, are forced (of meer neceffity) to the fame deceitful courfes as the Aliens take, or ftarve, that is, make their Works light and adulterate, and fell cheap, and fo low, that (notwithftanding the benefit by fuch fraud) their gains will not fupport them.

And here is the advantage the Aliens have, they are accuftomed from the beginning to a courfe, and mean Diet, and mean and dirty Apparel, which our Natives never were ufed to; nor can they fubfift with it: And our Natives Artificers are generally Contributers to all Taxes fcot and lot, which thefe Aliens are freed from by living here in boles and corners. And thus when the gains are equal, and the expence of the natural Englifh fo much above the Aliens, 'tis no marvel that thefe Aliens flourifh and grow rich, and the na-

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tural Englifh Artificers become Beggars and Thieves.
As to the great fraud and abure to the people in Gold and Silver Works, whence doth it arifes it is plain it comes from this root, The Aliens-Artificers undermine us, by ill pratices, and the natural Englifh Artificers muft do fo too; that is, get by fraud what they lofe by decay in their Trades: Now take away the caufe and the effect will follow; fupprefs and prevent thefe Caterpiller Aliens, and the natural Englifh Goldfmiths will all be eafily brought to make lawful, fubttantial, and curious Goldfrinths Works: and it cannot be fuppofed they will be unreafonable in their gains, fince it is apparently true, that there is not occafion or ufe amongft is, for the quantities of Works in fafhion that the natural Englifh Artificers can with their ordinary diligence make up fit for fale and ufe.

Now it is unreafonable for any to fuppofe that to give free liberty (by a Law) for the mean and poor Aliens to come into this Realm, and to follow and exercife the Manual Trades (with as much freedom and liberty as the Natives) will, according to that general faying, (to wit) make us the more flourifhing and rich, becaufe the more popular ; when it is apparent it will (on the contrary) endanger thofe poor Aliens, their Wives and Childrens falling to the charge of the Parithes, and make us the more poor and beggerly; efpecially the Manual Tradefmen, who are not the leait part of the people of this Kingdom.

But if Authority could order it f , that the Merchants and wealthy Aliens (not being Artificers

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or Handicraftf-men ) could be perfwaded to come and fettle amongft us, I am confidently perfwaded, that inftead of caufing difcontent in our Natives, it would be their exceeding joy, to fee by this means this Kingdom in fo probable a way of growing great, both in Riches and Honor; or if there were fome new Manufacture fet on foot amongft us, and we not having Natives to fupply or mannage it, then in fuch cafes if the poor Aliens-Artificers were ithvited over, and employed only therein, it may not a little contribute to our advantage.

To conclude this digreffion, in the afore-mentioned cafe of Aliens-Artificers, and in the cafes of ferving feven years Apprentifhips, to follow the Manual Trades, two parties are in conteft, (viz.) the perfons enjoying priviledges by our Laws; and the perfons fraudulently, and unlawfully, incroaching into, leffening, and taking away thofe priviledges; now what difference is there betwixt this fraud, and the taking away unlawfully a mans Lands,Tenements, Goods or Chattels, which are all enjoyed by our Laws? 'Tis only this, The latter is a property in (pecie, and fuppofed certainty; the other is a property accidental.

The Natural born, and Naturalized Artificers of this Realm, have not only a common property by Birth or Naturalization, to have, receive, and enjoy all the advantages and benefit that do or thall arife, from the working or making the Manual Works made in this Realm (they having been brought up in this Realm feven years as Ap. prentices thereto) but alfo every man fo brought up, hath paid'a confiderable price for fuch his priviledge

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viledge (to wit) a confiderable fum of money to be bound Apprentice, and feven years fervice befides, which amounts to a greater value; and then comes in the Aliens-Artificers, and they, with ot hers who never ferved feven years, enter upon thefe priviledges, and immunities, having no right thereto, they never having been at tuch coft and charges, or labour amongtt us, for gaining the Trades they thus intrude into and follow : therefore no reafon they fhould be fuffered to enjoy any of them, but be efteemed as injuions as Thieves and Robbers; and the rigor of our Laws inflicted on them: And little reation there is that the Robbers on the High-way (their fo doing being no offence but by the Law) fhould be fo feverely profecuted, and thefe fort of perfons (whofe offence is all one in effect) be tolerated and connived at, when the intent of our Laws is to preferve every ones property, and was made for the punifhing all invaders thereof. But to return to my intended defign.

IF any perfon hath bought or received (of any Worker or feller of Silver-work) any kind of Silver-Wares furpected to be deceitful, the fame deceit may be known without daing prejudice to the work, by rubbing the Plate in fome place leaft in fight, with a File of indifferent finenefs; and if it be worfe than Sterling, it will appear Yellowi $\beta$, or elfe file it a little, and rub the place filed on a clean Touch-ftone, and clote by it rub the edge of a good Half crown-piece, or fuch like thick money, and the difference, if any,will appear.

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The reafon that 1 direct the filing the Work, is this, ( to wit) that the Artificial boiling of courfe Silver-work, will fo eat or diffolve the Allay that is on the furface or outfide thereof, that unlefs it be filed as abovefaid, it will Touch on the Touch-ftone fix-pence or eight-pence in the ounce better then it is.

Note, It is caufe to furpect that the Silver is very courfe, when the work do rife in Blifters, or Peel, or Scale off in thin Scurf or Flakes; which Scaling, Scurf or Bliftering, is caufed by the eating the Allay as aforefaid,and the Silver thus feperated from the Allay, will remain of an infirm fpungy body, and therefore will be apt to Peel as aforefaid.

Note further, That to know a good Touchftone, you muft obferve, That the beft fort are very black, and of a fine grain,

Touch-ftones are ufually fold at the Iron-mongers in Fofte--linne, London. polifhed very fmooth, and without any fpungy or grain-holes; And near the hardnefs of a Flint, but yet with fuch a fharp cutting greet, that it will cut or wear the Silver or Gold when rubbed thereon.

The way to makea true Touch on the Touchftone, is thus; When your Touch-ftone is very clean, which if foul or foily, it may be taken off, by wetting it,and then rubbing it dry with a clean Woollen Cloth; or if fill'd

Thefe Pomice-ftones and Blew Hones, or Smoothing fones, are Sold at the Iren-mongers in Fofra-lime, ${ }_{j} \cdot$ London. with Touches of Gold or Silver. ©.c. it may be taken off by rubbing the Touchftone (if very hard) with a fine Pomice-ftone, if not

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 very hard, with a fine Blew Hone firft, and then with a well burnt Charcole in water, and it will make it very clean; and obferve, the fmoother you make the Touch-ftone, the clearer will be the Touch : Therefore whether you ufe a Pomiceftone, Hone, or Charcole, prepare them very even, and rub them on the Touch-ftone very lightly, and crofs the grain of the Touch-ftone, if any grain there be: Then (your Silver being filed as above-faid) rub it fteadily and very hard on the ftone, not fpreading your Touch above a quarter of an inch long, and no broader then the thicknefs of a Five-fhilling-piece of Silver; And fo continue rubbing it until the place of the ftone whereon you rub, be like the Metal it felf: And when every fort is rubbed on, that you intend at that time, wet all the touch't places with your Tongue, and it will fhew it felf in its own countenance.If it appear by thefe ways to be worfe than Standard, you may carry or fendit to the Galdfmiths $A \int$ ay-Office aforefaid; and upon your defire, the Officers there will make an aflay of the fame, and give you a true report of the value thereof in writing, and return the Ware (and Silver taken off for the Affay) to you again, and no more defaced than what is done by the fcraping of the Silver for the affay.

But if you are minded to keep the matter more concealed, you may artificially cut or fcrape between 18 and 24 grains from fome one part, or from all the parts of the work (except the foddered places) (for lefs in weight than between 18 and 24 grains is not fufficient for an affay)

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Then in a piece of paper of about 6 inches long, and 4 inches broad, At the one end write down the Owners name, and the day of the Month and Year; (the reafon for dating the Affay paper, is to prevent delay in the Affay-Mafter, and the miftake of the time it was or ought to be Affayed in, if it fhould happen to be queftioned) and at the other end put the cuttings. or fcrapings of Silver in a fold, turning in the corners once, to prevent the fhedding the Silver, and fo fold up all the paper to the name fo written on the top as aforefaid. The manner and form for folding up the faid Paper, and of the Affay-Mafter's Entry of his report in fuch Paper is here prefented by a Coper Cut.

## Here place the Copper Cut.

Then carry or fend it to the Gold-fmiths AffayOffice as aforefaid (which is now on the South part of their Hall in Fofter-lane, London) on a $;$ of the Affay-days aforefaid, before the hour $\mathrm{f}_{9} 9$ in the morning, and leave it with the Affay-Mafter or his Servant, and at 6 of the Clock or before in the Afternoon the fame day it will be done; which I conceive will be, with the more courteous, careful, and ready performance (efpecially to ftwangers) to prevent fufpition of their being difaffected to the reformation, or favourers of fuch: And by calling there for the Affay, by the name in the Paper, it will be delivered, upon the payment of $2^{\text {d }}$, which is the accuftomed Fee for the making of an Affay of Silver. But all Workers in Goldfmiths works in London, and three Miles compais of the fame (whofe Markes are entred


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 on the Table of Marks in the Office) are not to pay any thing for their Silver Affrays brought on the Aflay-day-eve, or on the Affay-day before 9 of the Clock in the Morning; and if after (in the fame day) to pay 2 d . for every Allay; fee the Table of Orders in the Affay-Office: This is done Grates to the Workers, that they may always readily make and know their Silver to be Sterling before they work it.In which Paper the Affray Matter will enter his report thereof in writing in manner following.

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If it be nine penny $\quad d w t$. Weight worfe, he will
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And fo proceeding higher.
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If it be an ounce and a) half penny weight woorse ob. worfe, he will write-S

If it be one Ounce and five penny weight worfe worfe, he will write- $\}$

If it be an ounce, and? nine penny weight worre worfe, he will write dut. ?

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If it be one ounce and? $0 \frac{8}{3}$ dwt. fifteen penny weight worse wore, he will write-

If it be an ounce and nineteen penny weight wore, he will write - )

Note, That [dwt] signifies penny-weight, and (8) signifies Ounce.
And fo proceeding higher according as he finds the Silver courfer, and with Numeral Letters ferting down what 'tic wore than Sterling or Stainsard.

And it mut be observed, whatever weight he fats down, it is to be ac-

See more Examples of Allays of Silver, and the value thereof catt up, in the Catalogue of Foreign Cons, at the latter end inverted. counted fo much in every pound, or twelve ounces Troy.

And that if Standard Sillvar be at five fillings the ounce Troy, for every penny weight that 'ts reported wore, you multaccount'tis worfe by fo many farthings in the ounce; and for every ounce that is reported wore, you molt account 'is wore by to many times five pence in every ounce: and for work and charge to refine it, you mut alpo account one penny for every ounce that 'is reported worfe. For examole.

In the Copper Cut is a Silver Affay, reported wore than Standard three ounces, and eight pen-

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 ny weight : Firft, count for the three ounces, fifteen pence, and for eight penny-weight, eight farthings or two pence : and for work and charge to refine it, three pence half-penny: all which being added together, make one fhilling, eight pence half-penny ; which take out of five fhillings, there remains three fhillings and three pence halfpenny, the value of an ounce of fuch courfe Silver, which is one fhilling, eight pence half-penny in every ounce worfe than Stand filver (of the price aforefaid) asin the Copper Cut; and comes to this effect, (viz.) that for every twenty pe:ny weight, or ounce Troy that 'tis reported worfe thanStandard, you muft account fix pence, and fo proportionable for more or Icfs; for fo much it will coft for every ounce of fuch courfe Silver to make it of Sterling goodnefs, or to change it for Sterling.When you have fo done, and your Silver being found and reported worfe than Sterling, you may apply your felf to the perion of whom you received or bought the courfe work, and demand the return of the Money which you paid for the fame, (upon your return of the Ware) or what other fatisfaction fhall be reafonable; and upon refufal (which Idare affert, will not be by one of twenty, if the work be materially faulty) you may make your Complaint to the Maffer-Warden of the Goldfmiths, he will caure the Offender (living in or about London) to be fummoned to appear at the next Court of the faid Company (which ufually hath been, and will be about eleven of the Clock on Wednefdays and Fridays, or one of them (if working-days) in every Week at their

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Common Hall) and upon evidence of the Fact, the Wardens will (being obliged thereto by Law) procure you recompence, and punifh the Offender ; they having promifed fo to do in their late Precept hereafter inferted.

If you diflike thofe ways of proceeding, you may go by way of Action of Debt, Bili, 1 laint, or Information, at the furt of the party grieved, who may fue in any of the Courts of Record at Westminster, and thereby recover the value of the whole deceitful or adulterated Wares, together with his Charges, according to the faid Statute of 18 Eliz.

There are alfo other ways of proceeding in there cafes, as the afore-mentioned Statutes do p'ainly direct: as by Indictment at the Common Law for a Cheat and Offender againft the Crown : in which cafes the Courts do ufually impofe Fincs futable to the Offence in all their circumftances, and fometimes the Pillory: after all which the party grieved may bring his AAtion, and recover the dammage furtained.

Note, It is material, that you keep an account of the Day, or Month, and Year in which you bought the courre Works; and when you have privately procured an Affay thereof, and do find it to be materially courfe, the fecureft way will be to deliver the Work it felf into the hands of the Affay-Mafter, for him to Affay it again ; and then fub-poena him to bring the Work into Court, and.give evidence how much it is warfe than Standard.
Note alfo, It is good evidence that one or more do fwear (at the Tryal) that the Counterfe:t

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Gold or Silver-Work was fold (by the perfon in queftion, or his Wife, or Servant) by the name of Gold or Silver; and there is no need to prove that it was fold in the name of, or for Standard: or that the Seller faid, I will warrant it to be good Gold, or Silver; or Standard-Gold, or Sterling-Silver: for our Laws allows no Metal in Works to be accounted or called by the name of Gold or Silver; but that Gold and Silver of the finenefs of Standard, or the Standard Allay.

Therefore, of whomfoever you buy the Work, let this be nicely obferved, that tbe Seller do Jay it is Gold, or it is Silver; or the Buyer asking for Gold or Silver Works by the proper name ; as for a Silver Hilt, or a Silver Buckle, or for a Gold Ring, đ̛c. and the Seller do upon fuch defire, fell or deliver it as fuch to the Buyer.

And that the Buyer may be the more certain at the Tryal, that the courfe Works in queftion was bought by him or her ; it is very material, that before it depart out of their hands, a piece of Packthread without knot be put through the folid part of the Work, and a piece of paper (whereon is the day of the Month and Year, in which it was bought; and the name and weight of the Work, and the name of the Seller, hisSign, and Street) be fealed in the inclofing knot of the Packthread; and the Buyer keeping the Seal, cannot be miftaken, although the Work have been abfent, and in reveral other hands after it was bought.

But this rule is the moft ufeful, where feveral Works are bought.of one or feveral perfons, but not where the Buyer can certainly know the Work

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(by any Charractar) to be the fame he bought of fuch a perfon-Trader therein, but the time of buying the Work is of fuch concern that it muft not be omitted.

And that the perfons aggrieved may be the better encouraged to proceed for their recompence, and to punifh the Offenders, I have here inferted a true Copy of an Indictment in Latin, and the fame renderedinto Englifh, taken out of the Original (now remaining of Record in the Crown-Office) that was preferred (in Trintty Term, in the 28 year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, © cr.) before the Grand-Jury of Enqueft (attending the Kings-Bench Court at Weftminfer) againft a perfon-offender in the Premiffes; which Bill (being drawn up, and this way of proceeding contrived by the advice of reveral Counfel learned in the Law) may ferve (with fome little variations, as occafion may be) for a good prefident in the like cafes.

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intending the Liege People and Subjects of our faid SovereignLord the King that now is, fally, unlawfully, deceitfully, craftily, and fubtilly to dective and defraud, and to fubvert the Laws of this Kingdom of England, on the one and twentieth day of fanuary, in the Seven and twentieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, Fravce and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, \&f c.at the Parifh of St. Martin in the Fields, in the County aforefaid, fallly, fraudulently, and knowingly, did make and fafhion threefcore draw Girdle Buckles, and eight Shooe Buck'es of impure and bafer Silver than it ought to be, not agreeing with the Silver of the Standard aforefaid; that is to fay,

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vereign Lord the King that now is, unknown to the Jury aforefaid, in contempt of our faid Sovereign Lord the King that now is, and of his Laws, to the great damage and manifeft deceit of the faid liege People who bought the faid draw-Girdles-Buckles, and Shooe-Buckles, to the evil example of all others offending in the like cafe, againft the peace of our faid Sovereign Lord the King that now is, his Crown and Dignity.

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This Information following was preferred againft a perfon-Offender in the premiffes, and now remains of Record in the Crown-Office.

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Michaelmas Term in the Nine and twentieth year of the Reinn of our SovereignLord Charles the Second, now King of England, ש̛C:

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 S. A. Efq; Coroner and Attorney of the Lord the King, in the Court of the faid King, before the faid King, who for the faid Lord the King in this behalf followeth, in his proper perfon came here in the Court of the faid Lord the King , before the faid King at Weftminfter, on Tuedday, next after three weeks of St. Michael, the fame Term, and for the faid Lord the King, gave to the Court here to underftand and be informed, that $C$. D. of the ampliug
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This Indictment following was preferr'd at the Seffions bolden at Guild-hallLondon, arainft a Man and a Woman Partners Offenders in the Premiffes; and was removed by Certiorari into the Kings-bench-Court ; and now remains of Record in the Crown-Office.

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land King，Defender of the Faith，ơc．Before F．G．Knight，Lord Mayor of the City of London，T．A．Knight and Barronet，7．L． Knight，T．B．Knight， $C \cdot D$ ．Kinght，and $7 . E$ ． Knight，Aldermen of theCity aforefaid，Jufti－ ces Affigned to keep the Peace of the aforefaid Lord the King in the City aforefaid；as alfo to hear and determine divers Fellonies，Tref－ paffes and other Mifde－ meanours within the fame City committed， by the Oath of twelve of the Jury ，good and lawful men of the City of London aforefaid； who then and there be－ ing Sworn and charged to enquire for the faid Lord the King，and the body of the City afore－ Caid；it is prefented that $E . F$ ．of the Parifh of St．Andrew Holborn，in the Ward of Farringdon without Landon afore－ faid，Goldfmith ；other－

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wife called $\bar{E} G$. of the Parifh and Ward aforefaid Goldfmith ; and H. 7. of the Parifh and Ward aforefaid, Widdow; who for three years and more, now laft paft, the Trade of a Goldfmith in the City of Londonand. Subburbs of the fame, have Exercifed, and either of them hath Exercifed; and there by colour of the faid Trade, they made and caufed to be made, and cither of them made and calufed to be made very many things of Silver, and to divers Liege people of the faid Lord the King, that now is, then expofed to Sale, and either of them expofed to Sale: And that the faid $E . F$. alias $G$. and H.7. well knowing, and either of them well knowing, that all things made of Silver, and by perfors ufing the Trade and Miftery of Goldfmiths, expofed and trmoent

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fet to Sale within the City aforefaid, and elfewhere within this Kingdom of England, ought to be made wholly of good and true Silver, atgreeing with the Standard of the Exchequer of the faid Lord the 'King. Neverthelefs, the faid E.F. alias G. and H. 7 . being perfons of an evil and difhoneft difpofition, and evilly . devifing and fraudently intending the Liege people and Subjects of the faid Lord the King. Then fally, unlawfully, craftily and fubtil ly to deceive and defraud, and to fubvert the Laws of this Kingdom of Eingland, on the Thirtieth day of $A u-$ $g u f$, in the nine and twentieth year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord Cbarles the Second, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, \&c. At Lon-

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Now will any perfon be difcouraged, by the apprehenfion or fancy, that the trouble will be fo great in getting recompence, that it were better to bear the lofs and be contented fo to be cheated, when the way and rules $I$ have laid down are foplain, founfeignedly true, and fo eafily to be followed, that every perfon (of the capacity but one degree above a Natural) may be capable thereof.

And fince thefe Directions are fo plain, 'tis pity but he fhould be cheated that will not ufe them for prevention, or to get recompence when deceived.

But it is to be obferved, that there is a fet and limited time for proceeding in thefe cafes in courfe of Law ; which time being expired, all perfons are totally barr'd therein: See the Statute $3 \mathbf{r}$ Eliz. 5. \& Stat. 21 fac. 16. the branches thereof to this purpofe are Verbatim thus (viz.)

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And my further Advice is, That every perfon be careful to buy no Silver Work but what is marked

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markedas the Laws xequire:That is, the 䍒epperdis: $\mathfrak{y e a d}$, or II poin, or both; and alfo the Monkera mark be fet on all manner of Beffelw, and
 (for Girdles and Belts) andother Harnefs of Silver; and alfo the Workers mark on all other fort s.of Silvor Workswhatfoever (except as aforefaid) and if that proves naught,recompence is eafily had ; either of the Company, if marked with their Marks (which by reafon of the care taken therein are not fet on Silver, worfe than Standard, in compafs of my Experience,) or the Maker or Seller by his Mark will be eafily found out whereby to obtain recompence of him.

And in cafe of hafte, where the Buyer cannot flay, for the Companies Marks, I advife him to take care that he know the Workman to be able and honeft, and his mark upon every part of the Work that is wrought afunder, and afterwards foddered together as aforefaid.

The Intent thereof is, that the Buyer fhould take care that the Worker and Seller be Honeft; then there will be the lefs fear of being cheated: But if the Work happen amiss, unknown to the Maker, by ill Servants or the like, and he be only Honeff, and not Able; how then will the recompence be made ? But if he be both Able and Honef, his Honeft Inclinations with his Ability of Purfe, will never fuffer the wronged perfon togo without fatisfaction.

It is queried, Whether it be lawful for a Goldfrnith, or other Trader in Goldfmiths Works, to Sell, Exchange or Barter Gold or Silver Works that is worfe than Standard, if he take no more

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for the Mettal then'tis worth: Or for a Goldfmith to work it, if it be brought by the perfon that is to receive it again when wrought up into Wares; or to work it when 'tis befpoke fo to be by the perfon that will receive it when fo made up; or (it being the Traders own) to keep it in the Shop or other place where the Goldfmiths works are ufually expofed to Sale.

The Solution hercof is of great concern to the R (formation, for thercin is comprehended the grand creeping holes of all Diffenters: Therefore I offer (with all its Circumftances) to the ferious confideration of the Shop-keepers and Workmen, and all other perfons concernfd, this my anfwer, which is by way of Caution and Advice.

That it is Pofitively againft the Laws afore recited, for a Goldfmith to Shape or Fafbion Gold or Silver that is worfe than Standard into any fort of Work, and the fame Workmanhap to Sell, expofe to Sale, Exchange or Barter; And all fuch Works be utterly unlasoful, and therefore not to be Sold, expofed to Sale, Exchanged or Bartered by any Trader therein, under any pretence or colour whatfoever, be it for the juft value, or more or lefs. And if the Worker do receive Courfe Gold or Silver to Work for another, and is only payed for the Fablion; or the Courfe Gold or Silver being his own, do receive but the juft value thereof, and any thing above that for the Workmanhbip; yet fuch Metal and WorkmanThip being Sold or Bartered, if it happen to be queftioned, both the Maker and Seller will be lyable, and may be punifhed as the Laws appoint.

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For although the firt Buyer, or Receiver-Shopkeeper, may not be cheated, yet its too true that fuch falfe Works will by him be fold or Bartered to the Wearer in the ftead or name, and for the price of good and lawful Gold or Silver-Works: Therefore to prevent all Confequential Deceits in thefe Cafes, the Laws are pofitive, that no Gold or Silver worfe than Standard, fhall be wrought, thaped or fafhioned into any manner of Goldfmiths works whatfoever; and (having any the leaft of Fafboon or Workmankip, fit for the ufe it was made ) be Sold, put to fale, exchanged, or bartered by any Trader therein, under any pretence or colour whatfoever. See the afore cited Statutes 28 Ed. 1. 20. 37 Ed. 3. 7. 2 Her. 6. 14. 18. Eliz. 15.

The beft Excufe that can be made in thefe cafes is, That fuch courfe Work is for the bringers or befpeakers own wearing: If that be true, the danger is the lefs, becaule the Worker lyes open only to one ; But his Wifdom would be the greater, not to lay himfelf open to any.

And if any fuch unlawful Works (either new or old) do happen to be bought, or received in barter, by the Worker or Shopkeeper in the way of their Trades. The fecureft courfe to prevent danger therein, is to immediatly fpoil and deface the Fafhion or Workmanhbip thereof, and then the Wardens or Surveyers have no Authority to Seize it in their Search; and the Selling, expofing to Sale, Exchanging or Bartering fuch Metal without Workmanfhipis pofitively lawful.

Upon what is here declared, It is hoped no perfons will fuffer themfelves to be deluded with

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the pretences of the Seller of unmarked and fufpected Silver Work, (viz.)

That the Work will not Bear the Marks as before is mentioned; for 'tis manifeft and well known by great experience, That all Silver Works comprehended under the name of $V_{e} / f e l s$, and under the name of Harne/s, (Hilts for Swords and Buckles being included under that denomination) will bear the Marks appointed with as much conveniency as need to be defired, for the Veffels are generally marked with the bigger Marks aforefaid without exception; and for Silver Hilts and Buckles, (wherein the difficulty isfuppofed to lie) the Company have fmall Marks made on purpofe for them, and the Work being firft marked by the Worker with marks of Ink thus (o) on every place where the Workman thinks it molt convenient to bear the Companies Marks; And the hollow Work being filled with Lead, (which is afterwards to be melted out again) the Wardens will, or may, fome on the Anvil, and fome on other Lead which is put into a vice for that purpofe, ftrike their Marks on thofe places,both of wrought and plain Work, without defacing or hurting the fame.

Nor need any perfon be deluded by pretence that the Workmen have not time to get it marked at G Ildfmiths Hall; when if the Work be carried to the Office on any of the Affay-dayes aforefaid, before the hour of Nine in the Morning, they may (if it be good Silver) have it out ready marked at 6 of the Clock, or before in the Afternoon of the fame day.

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 abufed by the ftriking thereon the Companies Marks, that it cannot be finifhed Workman-like, or that more Silver will be detained from the Workmen than the allowance of four Grains out of every pound weight of Work.Nor by the pretence that the Servants of the Companies Officers will abufe the bringer or owner ot the Work either in word or demeanour, though fome have been too rude and malapert.
There indeed are principal (though vain) excufes for not bringing their Works for the Companies Marks: for certain it is the Wardens will not allow, but feverely reprehend their Officers and Servants that fhall abufe any perfon or Work whatfoever; or refufe or neglect to make, or return the Affays as before is mentioned; or not return all the Silver with the Work, except the allowance aforefaid.

And if the Wardens refufe or neglect toffat their Marks on Silver Work that is Standard, or do not fet thern as they ought; or if they or their Officers or Servants thall do any daminage to the Work by ftriking the Marks, or refufe to make and report the Affays as aforefaid; or thall detain any Silver from the Workmen above the allowance of four grains out of every pound weight of Work, an Action well lies againft them; and they are befides by Law otherwife punifhable, and compellable to ftrike their Marks as Work-man-like on the Work as the Maker ftrikes his own Mark thereon : and alfo to perform all other things according to the truft repofed in them: and for neglect or abufe thereof, their Franchifes may be feized into the Kings hapd.

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The truth is, the ready and carefid making and returning the Affays, and marking and returning the Work is of fo great concern, that if it be neglected, and the Workmen thereby difcouraged, they will make any fhift rather than bring their Works to be there approved; and then by confequence fall to working as courfe Gold and Silver as (by their fubtilties) they can put off, to the unskilful.

Nor let the Buyer fuffer himfelf to be deluded at any time upon pretence that Standard Gold or Sifver is toofoft, and not fo ferviceable as that which is courfer; for that pretence is vain: and 'tis well known by great experience (to the honor of the contrivers of that Allay) that both Gold and Silver of the Standard goodnefs well wrought into any forts of Wares, is in every refpect, better and moreferviceable than a courfer Allay.

For Inftance, in fome particular Works on which thofe idle pretences are ge-

* Collets of Rings are the thin Plates that encompars and faiten the Stones; which bemg made of Gold or S:lver wor fe than Standard, will not cloze, but fring from the Stones, and thereby endanger then falling out; but if made of Standard, will comply, and clofely clinch, and joyn to the Stones, and the work will be more compleat, and the Stones more fecurely preferved.
nerally grounded; as GoldRings of all forts, with Stones and without, and *Collets of Rings, and all other Jewels whatfoever; and Gold and Silver WatchCafes, and fuch like works: for all which I do further affert, that the honeft and ingenious Artifts or Workers of thefe Works, and of all other forts of Gold and Silver Works whatfoever, will avouch the truth of my Ar-
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fertion ; and if queftioned upon the fame before a Court of Judicature, they will not, neither dare they fwear the contrary ; but that both Gold and Silver of the Standard goodnefs well and Work-man-like wrought into any forts ofRings, Jewels, and any other forts of Goldfmiths Works whatfoever, is for deciency, credit, and Service, and in every otber refpect whatfover, better than a courfer Allay, which moft times by reafon of the adulteration is found in the wearing not only of a cankering and ftinking nature, and a braffie complexion, but very brittle and rotten.

The truth is, the gains by adulterating the Gold and Silver Works is fo fweet and enticing, that what excufe will not thefe Adulterers find, that they may have their unlawful liberty. I remember, that when Silver Hilts were firft taken notice of to be fo exceedingly adulterated, and debafed, it was the pretence of many of the Workers, that Sterling would not ruin into Hilts to make good work; and therefore they muft of neceffity make them courfer; and to my know-; ledge Sterling was delivered to a Worker to make a Hilt; and becaufe he would not thereby betray or prevent the difhoneft gains infu:h Works, he gave it a balf-beat; by which, and fome other means, it became detective, and unfit for ufe: and fo he returned the Silver as too fine to make fuch Works. Which I coming to underftand, fet to the work my felf, and made Sterling run into the moft difficult fort or Hilts, without any defect in the Work, and as fervuceable as Iron; upon which I gave out, that this was a new Invention; and being fo confiftent with the Laws, I would

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Petition his Majefty for the fole making of Ster-ling-Hilts for fourteen years: which the reft of the Silver-Hilt-makers hearing of, every one then could, and did, make Sterling into all forts of Hilts in every refpect better than the Silver of a courfer Allay. So every evil difpofed Goldfmith will make a hundred falfe pretences to continue their cheating gains. But if the honeft Workers of Standard would but joyn together, and make but the leaft attempt for a Patent to have the fole Working of all Gold and Silver Works that are 10 much talked of, that they cannot be made of Standard, $f o$ decent and ferviceable, as of a courfer Allay; I dare aver, that then you would find every Worker can and will make all their Works of Standard (as the Laws require) without fuch frivolous fcruples or pretences, rather than to be put by their Trades; but if there foould be any fort of Works that cannot (for the conveniency defired) be made, but of Gold or Silver courfer than the Standard-Allay, fuch Works are not to be made, but wholly omitted as things directly repugnant to our Laws.

Neither let the pretence of the Seller of adulterated Wares delude you, (viz.) That he abates as much in the Fafhion as the Silver is allayed worfe than Standard; when 'tis well known, that moft times for every fix-pence he abates in the fafhion of fuch courfe Silver Works, he gains one fhilling fix-pence, or two fhillings, or more by the Allay in fuch work.

Or by his promife; that he will at any time allow five fhillings the ounce for the Silver again, though it be broken to pieces: For by experience it is evident, that very few Silver Wares come again

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 again to be fold to the fame hand, many being either kept to pofterity, or transferred by gift; and if neceffity induce a fale, it is moft commonly in fome place remote from the place where it was bought. and then they muft take what they can get for it ; which (if unmarked Wares) will not be more than 'tis worth.Neither let the wearing Buyer fuffer himfelf to be deluded at any time by pretence of thofe that are only buyers and fellers of Goldfmiths Works, that they buy and receive all their new Silver Works for Standard, when 'tis too frequent that their meanings are, that the money they paid for it is Standard, and know the Works to be much worfe..

Or that they give a Standard price for all their new Silver Works, when'tis too frequent, that the value of the Mctal and Workmanfhip are both included to make up that fum by the ounce: then it may well be imagined what fort of Silver that muft be, and how neceffary it is for the wearer to obferve the rules I direct in buying either Gold or Silver Works.

I have made but little mention of Gold Wares, and of the provifion made, to prevent deceit therein, becaufe Gold Wares are much lefs common than Silver Wares; I hall therefore only propofe, that by the fame ways and method by which you make difcovery of the goodnefs or badnefs of Silver, you may alfo make difcovery of the goodnefs or badnefs of Gold, and recover recompence if wronged, and punifh the Offenders; only with this difference, (viz.)

That as the whiteft Silver is the beft, fo the

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Gold of the deepelt yellow is the beft ; and the more the Gold inclining to a red or a pale yellow, 'tis fo much the courfer.

And as the Affay-Mafter in his Reports of the goodnefs of Silver; fets it down by half-penny weights, and penny weights, and ounces Troy; fo in his report of a Gold Affay hefets it down by Carracts and Carract-grains, and half Grains, and quarter Grains.

For the underftanding of which you are to know, that CarraCt is a term given (by the Oftcers of the Mint, and the Wardens of the Goldfmiths) to a certain compofition of weights, that are only ufed for Affaying and computing the Standard of Gold, and contains either the twenty fourth part of a pound Troy, or the twenty fourth part of an ounce Troy, and are compounded thus, (viz.) of the pound Carracts, two penny weight and twelte grains Troy make a Car-ract-grain ; four of fuch Carract-grains make one Carract (which is half an ounce, or ten penny weight Troy) and twenty four of fuch Carracts make one pound, or twelve ounces Troy: And of ounce Carracts, five Troy grains make one Car-ract-grain, and four of fuch Carract-grains make one Carract, and twenty four fuch Carracts make one ounce Troy.

There two forts of Carracts are to one effect in Aflaying and Computing the Standard of Gold: for if you calculate the Aflay-mafters reports by the pound-Carracts, you muft caft up the value of a pound weight of Standard-Gold, which fuppofe to be 48 l . and out of that fum take fo many 24th. parts, (that is, 40 s. each part) as he reports

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the number of Carracts that tis worfe ; and after that rate for every grain and half grain; and for every Carract of this fort that tis reported worfe, you mult alfo deduct 4 s . for charge, and for every grain of this fort Is . charge, and for half a grain $6 d$ charge for work, and lors, to make it of Standard goodnefs: all which being taken out of the $48 l$. divide the remainder into twelve parts, every of which part is the value of an ounce of the courfe Gold. For example.

In the Copper cut aforefaid is a Gold Affay reported by the Aflay mafter, worfe two Carrats three Grains: Firft caft up the value of a pound of Standard Gold at 48 l. then count what two Carracts three Grains of fuch Gold is worth, which is $5 l$. $10 s$. to which add the 4 s . per Carract, and one fhilling per Grain for charge, which is II $s$. all which comes to $6 l$. is. which take out of the 48 l . and there remains $4 \mathrm{r} l \mathrm{l}$ 19 s . which divide into twelve parts, every of which parts or ounces of fuch courfe Gold will be worth $3 l .9$ s. 1 Id. which is ios. Id. worfe than Standard Gold, as in the Copper Cut aforefaid.

If you calculate the reports by onnce Carracts; Firft, confider the valueof an ounce of Standard Gold, which fuppofe to be 4 l . then out of that fum take fo many 24 th. parts (that is 3 s .4 d . the part) as the Affay Mafter reports the number of Carracts that 'tis worfe, and after that rate for every grain and half grain, and for fo many Carracts (of this fort) that 'tis reported worfe, you muft alfo deduct $4 d$. for charge of work and lofs to make it of Standard goodnefs, and for every Grain I $d$. and for halfa grain 06 . For example.

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In the Copper Cut aforefaid, the Gold Affay being reported worfe two Carracts three Grains; fixft count the value of an ounce of Standard Gold at ${ }_{4} l$. then count what two Carracts three Grains is worth (at that rate) which is $9 \mathrm{s}$.2 d . to which add the $4 d . \operatorname{per}$ Carract, and I d. per Grain for charge, which is in $d$. all which comes to 10 s . Id. which take out of the $4 l$. the remainder is 3l. 9 s. 1 I d. the value of an ounce of fuch courfe Gold, which is ios. I d. worfe than Standard Gold; as in the Copper Cut.

The calculation of the Affay-Mafters Reports by the pound Carracts, being the harder way, I advife the ufe of the ounce-Carracts before the other.

So that if Standard Gold be worth four pound the Ounce, for every Cararct he fets down'tis worfe, you muft account that in the Ounce Troy tis worle by fomany times $3 \mathrm{s}$.8 d . And for every grain he fets down tis worfe, you muft account it worfe by fo many times $1 I^{\text {d }}$ in the Ounce Troy. And for every demy or half grain, $5^{d .06}$. for fo much it will coft to make it of Standard goodnefs, or to change it for Standard.

And further you are to know, That twenty and two of the aforefaid Carracts of the fineft Gold, and two Carracts of fine Copper and Silver equal parts, makes an Ounce or a Pound of Gold of the Allay, appointed (by the Stat. 18 Eliz. 15. afore cited, by thefe words (to wit) not lefa in finture, ryan that of twentp two Carratio to be the Standard for all Gold Wares, (worfe than which Allay no Gold Wares are to be made, apon the penalty therein mentioned.)

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And that 12 Grains Troy is enough for making an Affay of Gold: The accuftomed Fee for making fuch Affay at Goldfmiths-hall is 6 d .

But if any fhall be dif-faitsfied with the Affayings and reports of the Affay-Mafter of Gold-fmiths-Hall, or fhall receive any difcourteous words; or be difcouraged by any uncivil demeanour in him or his Servants, may have Affayes made by His Majefties fworn Affay-Mafter of his Mint in the Tower of London, who has been often experienced to have Carefully, Courteounly, Readily, and Truly, performed the fame ; his Fee for a Gold Aifay is $\mathbf{I} s$. and for a Silver Affay $6 d$. And he will make his reports in the fame manner with numeral Letters, as the Affay-mafter of Goldfmiths-hall.

Concerning Silver Work made remote from London, I fhall only infert, that it is to be obferved; That by the firft recited Statute, all the Goldfmiths in England, were appointed to bring all their Silver Work (comprebended under the name of Veffels) to London, to be there Affayed and Marked with the Leopards Head; but the compelling thereof, under fuch great penalties as are therein mentioned, was found to be a grievance: Therefore by the Statute of 2 Hen. 6. 14. for the better conveniency of the Goldfiniths remote from London, Seven places are appointed wherein fuch Work fhall be affayed and marked, viz.

York, Newcaftle upon Tine, Lincoln, Norwich, Brifow, Salisbury, and Coventry.

And as the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, London,

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are to affay and mark the Silver Work that is made in and about London, and three miles of the fame, or to procure au Artift to do the fame, (for which they mult anlwer) fo, in every one of the aforefaid Seven feveral piaces, the Chief vagiftrate or Governor is to anay and mark the Silver Work that is made therein, or to procure an Artift to do the fame, (for which they muft alfo anfwer.)
But what are the particular Marks the refpective chief Govennors of thofe feven places fer on the Silver works, I can give no certain account thereof.

But this I can allert, that by reafen the Marks of thofe places are little known, they bear as little Credit ; and therefore the Goldfmiths in thofe and other remote places, do frequently fend up their Silver Works to receive the London Touch.

And in like manner, as every Mafter-worker in Goldfmiths Works in London, and 3 miles compafs of the rame, are to make their Marks known to the Wardens of the Goldfniztlos, fo every Ma-fter-Worker in Gold and Silver in every of the faid feven places, are to make their Marks known to the Surveyors there (that is) to the Chief Magiftrate of fuch Place.

And every Mafter-worker in Goldfmiths Wowk in all other places throughout England, are by the Statute of 37 Ed.3.7.(afore cited)not only to have their proper Marks, but alfo to make the fame Marks known to the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, by entring them on the Table in the Goldfmiths Alfay-Office as afore is fhewn: The words of the Statute to this purpofe are thefe (to wit.)
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every Mafter Goldfmith, $\mathfrak{f h a l l} \mathfrak{H a b e} \mathfrak{a} \mathfrak{m a r f}$ Ge timedf, and the fame garate fhalf be

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(That is to fay) the Mafter-Goldfmiths in each of the feven Touch Towns, fhall make their Marks known to the chief Magiftrates there; the King having Affigned them power by their Charters to Survey the Gold and Silver Works that are made in thofe places.

And the King having Affigned to the Wardens of the GoIdfrmiths of the City of London, full power and Authority by their Charter ; to Survey all Gold and Silver Works in all places whatfoever throughout England: Fherefore the Workers in the feven Touch Towns are to make their Marks known both tothe chief Magiftrate in each of thofe Towns where they refide; And alfo to the Wardens of the Goldfmiths aforefaid: And all other Mafter Goldrmiths throughout England, to make their Marks known (as aforefaid) to the Wardens of the Goldfmiths upon the Penalty of forfeiting the value of the Silver-Work not marked with the Makers mark, or marked with a mark not fo made known as aforefaid.

Now fince (through the Favour of our Kings Predeceffors and their Parliaments) the Goldfmiths in thofe feven Touch Towns are remitted thofe extremities of bringing their Veffels of Silver to London to be ftamped with the Leopardsbead,

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bead, but are allowed each of them a Touch by themfelves to pafs their Works upon. It behooves the chief Magittrate and the Goldfmiths in thofe places to be circumfpect and careful, not only in Alfaying and Marking the Works, and alfo to fearch for, fupprefs and prevent the Working and Selling any kind of Gold or Silver Work in thofe places, that is worfe than the Standard: But alfo (as the Leopards-headand Lyonare generally known to be the Standard Marks for the City of London) to ufe fome means that it may be as generally known what are the refpective Standard Marks of thefe places; to the end, that nothing may be neglected that may prevent Fraud in this kind ; which will fecure thefe Corporations from having their Charters called in queftion, and of being disfranchifed for their neglect herein, and the Goldimiths and other fellers of their Works from being called in queftion, for the trangreffions of making or felling unlawful. Goldfmiths works.

And for the fake of you the wearing-buyers of Goldfmiths Works, that refide in the Country or remote from London: I will cite you this obfervation worthy your notice (to wit) that by reafon the Magiftrates in the feven Touch Towns have been and now are very remifs in profecuting their Authority in making fearch and Affaying and marking the Goldfmiths Work, and that the Wardens of the Goldfmiths London, do very feldom make fearch in the Country. Great part of the Gold and Silver Works (efpecially the fmall-works) made and fold remote from Loindon, are notorioully known to be exceedingly

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Adulterated apd debafed, and great part of what is made by the London Workers and fent into the Country to the Traders there, are as notorioully known to be as bad as any.

This deceit feems to take the more courage, by reafon alfo of the Country peoples unskilfulnefs, and the difficulty of proceeding in courfe of Law againft thefe Country Offenders.

Wherefore my advice is, that you buy thefe Works at London only, (unlefs they have on them the London Touch) either your felf or by fome friend that lives there, or frequently comes thither; and if any deceit be found in fuch works, there be the Wardens of the Goldfmiths to complain to, who will affift you; there are the AffayMafters to make your Afiays and give evidence of the value of the Metal; there is the Seffions in London, and at Hixes-ball, and the Courts at Wefminfer, that will underfand your agrivance, and give yeu recompence, and punifh the Offenders fuitable to the offence and the ill confequences thereof; but you will find it very chargeable to Profecute a Country Offender in the Country, if you be neceffirated to have the Teftimony of the Affay-Mafter of Goldfmiths-hal, or the Affay-Mafter of the Tower of London.

But if the Fuftices and fury in the Country, Jeeing the cheat apparent (by the difference (from Standard on the Touch-fone) will infft upon no further evidence, as to the value of the Metal, but find the Offenders guilty (which I conceive may be done very fuitable to 7 ustice) it will much facilisate the Profecxtion.

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try may become the more pra Aticable: I will here direct an infallible method and rule by an Inftrument for the certain knowing (within three pence or lefs in the Ounce) the juft difference that any fort of Silver is from Standard, without the Affaying it by Fire.

## The manner of making the Inftrument is thus.

Make feveral Needles of Silver Wier, (each of them about four Inches long, and as big as a large Pack-needle) of feveral worfenefs in Allay; as one Needle $3 d$. another $6 d$. another $9 d$ another $1 s$. another is. $3 d$ another 1 s .6 d . in the Ounce. worfe then Standard Silver, and as many degrees lower as you pleafe; make them all with Loops at one end, and put them on a ring of Silver Wier, and upon every Needle (being flatted on one place;) make or mark with Figures the value (by the Ounce) of each Needle, reckoning Standard Silver at $s$ s. the Ounce Troy : And obferve, that the Allay in each Needle be half fine Copper, and half fine Brafs, and being all made with blunt fmooth points : Firft rub your courfe Silver on a good fmooth clean Touch-ftone, as afore is directed; then by it rub one of your Needles that youthink is neareft the Allay of yo r courfe Silver, and if that be not like it, try another, and fo feveral of the Needles, untill you find the Touch of your Needle, and the Touch of your courfe Metal to be alike; then you have the Price of that Allay Marked on the Needle.

This Inftrument may be made to contain in weight under two Ounces; and if ingenioully

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made and managed, will make a difcovery very near of the badnefs of any fort of Adulterated Silver.

The like Inftrument may be made of fmall pieces of Gold of feveral Allays fixed at the ends of Needles of Silver, for the knowing the worfenefs of any fort of Gold.

It is not material to know the juft value of the Adulterated Silver to the Scrutiny of one Penny in the Ounce to proceed to convict the Offenders, but if it be apparently worre than Standard, the Offenders ought to be found guilty and punifhed according to the uttermoft Severity of the Law. See all the before recited Statutes for regulating the Goldfmiths Trade.

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& \text { Examples of the Allays of Silver to make the } \\
& \text { aforefaid Needles (viz.) }
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dwt. grs.
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06 Of Copper, and
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dwt. grs.
9 ○ Of Sterling Silver, and Thefe well melted o. 12 Of Copper, and

- 12 Of Brafs. $\begin{aligned} & \text { together will be } 6 \ell \\ & \text { in the Ounce worfe } \\ & \text { than Standard. }\end{aligned}$ diwt. grs.
812 Of Sterling Silver, and Thefe well melted - 18 Of Copper, and _ together will be $9 d$. - I8.Of Brafs. $\longrightarrow-\begin{aligned} & \text { in the Ounce w } \\ & \text { than Standard. }\end{aligned}$


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And fo by fuch degrees of a penny weight of Allay in the ounce you may compofe feveral Allays for 4.6.8.10.12.14. or 16. Needles differing three pence in the value of each Needle by the ounce ; and the fureft way is, when the Needles are all made, to hake a diftinct Affay made of each Needle, and that reported goodnefs marked on every of them.

Here followeth the Goldfmiths C HARTER truly rendred into Englif from the Copy thereof taken from the Record now remaining in the Cloappel of the Rolls, under the Title Confirmation, Part 2 : Number 4. Confirmed in the fecondyear of King James.
THE KING to all to whom, efo: fendeth Greeting. We have perufed and feen the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our moft Dear Sifter the Lady Elizabeth, late Queen of England, made in thefe words; Elizabeth by the Grace of God of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, $\mathcal{G} c$. To all to whom thefe prefent Letters Patents fhall come, Greeting.
${ }^{2}$ We have perufed the Letters Patents of Confirmation of the Lady Mary, late Queen of England, our moft Dear Sifter, made in thefe words, Mary by the Grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and on Earth over the Englifh and Irifh Church the Supreme Head, To all to whom thefe prefents fhall come, Greeting.

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We have perufed the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our dear Brother Edivard the Sixth; late King of England, made in thefe words, Edward the S:sth by the Grace of God of England, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faiths, and on Earth over the Englifs and Irsfo Church Supreme Head, To all to whom theie prefent Letters fhall come, Greeting.

We have perufed the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our moft dear Father Henry the Eighth, late King of Enoland of Famous Memory, made in thefe words, Henry by the Grace of God King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, To all to whom thefe prefent Letters thall come, Greeting.

We have perufed the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our moft dear Father Henry the Seventh, late King of England of Famous Memory, made in thefe words, Henry by the Grace of God King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, To all to whom thefe prefent Letters fhal come, Greeting.
Know ye, That we have perufed the Letters Fatents of Edward the Fourth, late King of England, made in thefe words, Edward by the Grace of God King of England and France, Lord of Ireland, To all to whom thefe prefent Letters fhall come, Greeting.

We have perufed the Letters Patents of Edward the Third, late King of England, our Progenitor, made in thefe words,

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 paft, $\mathfrak{y}$ abe melwn,
That whereap nopzibate werchant no: Stranger teretofaecuere wont to being in
 Belate of dildure to exchange foz our coin.

Stnd that it hatben alfo oxdained, ofyat alltyofe myd mere of the Goldfmiths cruabe were to ft in their shope in the igly Strét of Cheap, and that na silluer in
 ta $\mathfrak{b e}$ fold in the city of London, $\mathfrak{E x c e p t}$ at (10ur Exchange, of in Cheapfide amonig the Goldfmiths, and that pufilickly, to the enid the werfong af the fait crade might jafogm themfelbeg whether the zeller fame latufulle bu fuct brifl oz not.

2but that nom of late the faix serchants ayi well peivate ay strangerg, do being from fozeign countried inta this mation dounterfeit sitering, whereaf the paund if not mazth abobe fixteen 5oly of theright Stering ; and of thit gonep none can hnow the true walue, but be melting it town.

Onimalfo that manp of the faid $\mathfrak{c r a d e}$ of Soldimiths lax $\overline{3} h \mathfrak{y z}$ in obfcure turnings, and by-Lanes and Streets, and on hup Beffle

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 of $\mathfrak{b o l d}$ ant silber fecretly, wittont $\mathfrak{e n}$. Ip came by, and immediatelp melting it Dolun, bo mahe it into glate, and feflit to sherchants drading bepona $\mathbf{E x a}$, that it map fe elpasted, and fothep mafie falie

 which they fet whafs of diucrs colourty Countrficitiag right stoncit and put moes glfay in the bold and silher than thep ought, withtyty fell to fuct agy fane notikiff in fuch thinga.
? Ind that the Cutlers in their mowe:houreg cover Tin with Silyer fo fubitify, and bity fued acight, that the fame camot he difeerned and feverca from the ©in; and ha that meand then fell the Fill fo cobred fos fine Billuce, to the great damagr and deceit of Heano (Out fecute.
nghercupon the faid asolonnithri fatie
 to applp contentent remedp tliercin.

Oind Ler fing bilfing to pectent the faid puil, Bo fin and with the 3ifatt of the lowion spiritual and rempozal, and the commong of dur fieatm fas the common peofit of tax and Gur people, mill and


Chat hentefoth no gherchant, cither pai wate of Etranger, fhall fing inta thit II and anp fozt of gemey, fut only jolate of fine siluer; noz that anp aold oz siluer tyought fy baitimithy, of amp plate of

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Silber be fold to the secrefyant to fell again, and ferarricd out of the mingam, but fiall fir for at our faid Exchange, of
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Find that none that pertend to he of the fame frade mafl kep any $\mathfrak{z h o p}$ but in Cheapfide, that it may fe fan that their 3mork he good and right.

3ind that thof of the faid Jrade map fip birtuc of thefe peefentes cleat homeft, hatuil and fuficieyt men beft ghilfed in tije faid seade, to entuire of the mattcrg afozefad ; and that they forgafen may wion due cont fideration of the faid $\mathfrak{C r a f t}$, refom what areati they fhalf find thercin, andtherap: on infit due pumifiment upon the $\mathfrak{O f f i n}=$ uex , and that hathe help and affitante of


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 London; and that one ee tho of corey fuch Titug Town foe the reftof that rade fhall came to Loidon to fie afertainca of tyetr Gulth of 1 boid, and there to habe a 5 tamp af $\mathfrak{a}$ Junthion with a Leopards-Head mar= fed uxan their moaja, axi of antient time it haw ben dedained. Gin witnefo mhereaf
 made fatcntai. Giom at Weftminfter the Thirticty day af March, in the firft paraf our ficign.

We have alf: poufed the Letters Patents of

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Richard the Second after the Conqueft, late King of England, made it thefe words, Kichard by the Grace of God King of England and France, and Lord of Irelind, To all to whom there prefents fhal come, Greeting; Know ye,

That whereas Edward our Grandfather, late King of Exgiand, at the Suit of the Goldmiths of oir City of London, fuggefting to Fim, how that manr of that Trade by Fire and the moke of Quickfilver had loft their fight, and that others of them by the ir working in that Trade became fo crazed and infirm, that hey were difabled to fubfift, but by relief from others.

And that divers of the faid City compaffionating the condition of fuch, were difpofed to give any grant divers Tenements and Rents in the faid City to the va:ue of Twenty pounds per ann. to the Company of the faid Craft, towards the maintenance of the faid Blind, Weak, and Infirm; and alfo of a Chaplain to celebrate Mafs amongit them every day for the Souls of all the Faithful departed, according to the Ordinance in that behalf to be made, Did by his Letters Patents for the confideration of a Fine of Ten Marks, for himflf and his Heirs, as much as in him lay, grant and give licenfe to the men of the Community aforefaid, that they may purchare Tenements and Rents in the fame City of the value of Twenty pounds per ann. and not above of the Men of that City, for relief and maintenance of fuch blind and infirm, and of fuch Chaplain as aforefaid, to hold to them and their Succeffors of the faid Society for ever, for the purpofes aforefaid, The Statute of Mortmaine, or any other Stature

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or Ordinance to the contrary thereof notwithftanding, as in and by the faid Letters Patents more fully and at large it may appear.

And forafmuch as the Men of the faid Myftery have humbly Petitioned Us, That forafmuch as our Grandfathers faid Letters Patents are not, nor can be put in execution for want of naming Perfons capable therein, That we would gracioully provide fome remedy for them in this behalf. Wo taking the Premiffes into Confideration, of Our efpecial Grace, and for the confideration of twenty Marks by them paid unto Us in Our Hanaper,

Have for Us and Our Heirs, granted and given Licenfe to the men of the faid Craft, That from henceforth they be a perpetual Community or Society of themfelves.

And that the faid Society or Company may for ever yearly Elect out of themfelves four Mare teng to overfee, rule, and duly govern the faid Craft, and Community, and every Member of of the fame.

And further, We have according to Our Authority in this behalf granted and given Licenfe for $u_{s}$ and Our Heirs to the fame Wardens and Company, That they may purchafe and have to. them and their Succeffors, Tenements and Rents, with their Appurtenänces; within the faid City and Suburbs thereof to the value of Twenty pounds por anm. for the maintenance of the blind, weaki, and infirm Men of the Company aforefaid, and of a Chaplain to Celebrate Mafs amongft the faid Infirm every day; for the Souls of all the Faithful departed, for ever, according to fuch Ordinance, as the fame Wardens and Company

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Ghall make in this behalf, (the faid Statute, or the Statute in that cafe made in Our laft Parliament at Westminster, notwithltanding) or notwithftanding that the faid Tenements and Rents be held of $\mathrm{U}_{\mathrm{s}}$ in Free Burgage, fo that it be found by Inquifition thercupon duly had and returned into our Cbancery, that fuch purchafe may be made without any dammage or prejudice to us and Our Heirs, or any other perfon whatfoeuer. In witnefs whereof We have caufed thefe our Letters to be made Patents. Witnels Our Self at Wincheffer the Sixth day of Fsbrkary, in the Sixteenth Year of our Reign.

And We ratifying and allowing the faid Letrers Patents, and all and every thing therein contained, do for Us and Our Heirs, according to Qur. Power in that behalf, Approve and Confirm the fame, and do by thefe prefents Grant and Confirm the fame unto our Well-beloved the now Wardens and Company of the faid Craft,and their Succeffors for ever.

And of Our further Grace in this behalf, We for Us and Our Heirs, have granted to the fame Wardens and Company, That notwithftanding they or their Predeceffors have not hitherto upon any occafion in any fort ufed the Liberties in the faid Letters Patents contained, Yet henceforth it Thall be lawful for them and their Succeffors to ufe and Enioy the faid Liberties and every of them, without any Lett or Impediment by or from Us or Our Heirs, or any of Our Juftices, Efcheators, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliff, or other Our Minifters wherefoever.

And We have further granted, and by thele


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prefents, do for Us and. Our Heirs grant to the faid now Wardens and Company of the Craft aforefaid; That they and their Succeffors be a Corporation or Body Incorporate, confifting and called by the Names of Wardens and Company, and be perfons capable in Law- to purchafe and take Lands and Tenements, Rents and other Poffeffions whatfoever, for ever in Fee-fimple of any perfons whomfoever that thall bewilling to Give, Devife, or Affign the fame to them.
$\mathfrak{T a}$ have and to thold the fame to the faid Wardens and Company of the faid Craft, and their Succeffors for ever.

And that they may and fhall have perpetual Succeffion, and a Common Seal for the Affairs of their faid Myftery.

And that they may by the name of the Wardens and Company of the Myftery of Goldfmiths of the. City of Londan, Implead and be Impleaded in any Court and place whatfoever, before any Judges whomfoever, in any Actions, Suits, Plaints, Demands and Pleas as well real as perfonal, or mixt of what nature or kind foever they be.

And that the faid Wardens and Company and their' Succeffors may from time to time as often as they fhall judge it expedient, make good and reafonable By-Laws and Ordinances for the better regulating the faid Myftery.

Wehave alfo granted, and by thefe prefents do grantro the faid now Wardens and Company and their Succeffors, That they may have and hold to them and their Succeffors for ever, all and fingular the Lands, Tenements, Rents, Reverfions and Services heretofore given, granted or devifed

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to the Wardens of the Myftery aforcfaid, or to the Wardens or Guardians and Company of the Myftery aforefaid, by the Name of the Wardens and Company of the faid Myftery, or by the Names of the Company of the faid Myftery, or by what other Name foever or heretofore in any manner purchafed by the Wardens aud Company of the faid Myftery, or by the Company of the faid Myftery, without Impeachment, Difturbance or Lett by or from Us or Our Heirs,or by or from Our Juftices, Sheriffs, Efcheators, or other the Officers and Minifters of Us and' Our Heirs whomfocver.

And we do hereby ratifie and confirm all and every the fame Lands and Tenements, Rente, Reverfions and Services to the faid now Wardens and Company, and their Succeflors.

And for the Credit of the Men of the faid Craft dwelling and refiding in the faid City for the time being', and for the preventing and avoiding the dammage and lofs which do or may daily happen and arife as well to $U s$ as to any our Liege People, for want of a due and provident Care in regulating certain of Our Subjects and others Ufing and Exercifing the faid Trade, without any regard to the Credit of the faid Company ; and alfe for the preventing and taking away the Subtheties and Deceits practifed in the faid Trade.

We have further granted, and by thefe Prefents do grant to the faid now Wardens and Company and their Succeffors for ever, That the Wardens of the faid Myftery for the time being, fhall and may for ever have the Jearch, infpection, tryal, and regulation of all forts of Gold and Silver, wrought or to be wrought, and to be expofed to

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fale within the City of London and the Suburbe thereof, and in all Fairs and Markets, and all Cities, Towns, and Burroughs, and all other plaees whatroever throughout our Kingdom of Eingland, and allo thall and may bave power to prnifo. and correct all defects that thall be found in the working of Gold and Silver.

And to that end, if need be, to call to their affiftance the Mayor and Sheriffs of the faid City, and the Mayors and Bailiffs, or other Officers whatever in any Fairs, Markets, Cities, Burroughs and Towns, and other places out of the faid City where any fuch Search or Tryal hall happen to bemade.

And that the Wardens of the faid Myftery for the time being fhall and may have full Power and Authority for ever by themfelves or any of them, duly to fearch and try all and fingular the premiffes, and alfo all manner of Work touching and concerning the faid Craft, found or being in the hands of the Goldfmiths, or any otber whomfoever felling, making or warking any Wares or Works pertaining to or concerning the faid Myftery, as well within Our faid City of London and the Suburbs thereof, as elfewhere out of the faid City in all Fairs, Markets, Cities, Burroughs and Towns, and other places whatfoever throughout Our Realm of England; And alfo by ahemfelves or any of them to break all fuch deceitful Works and Wares of Gold and Silver of what Cort foever, if any fuch they thall find to be made, wrought and expofed to fale in deceipt of Our People.

And alfo according to their difcretion, and as

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often as they thall fee it neceflary to punifh and correct the Makers, Sellers, and Workers of the fame Works according to their demerits, by the affiftance (if need be) of our Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Reeves, and other fuch like Officers.

We alfo will and grant, and ftrictly Charge and Command, That all Mayors, Bailiffs, Reeves, and other Officers whatfoever in Fairs, Markets, Cities, Burroughs, Towns and other places where fuch Search thall happen to be made, be ready to Aid and Affilt the faid Wardens and every of them making fuch Search as aforefaid, in the execution of the premiffes, and that in all things according to their Duty. In witnefs whereof We have caufed thefe our Letters to be made Patents. Witnefs Our Self at Leicester the thirtieth day of May in the Second Year of Our Reign.

And now We ratifying and approving the faid Letters Patents, and all things therein contained, do for Us and Our Heirs according to our Authority therein, allow the fame, and by thefe prefents do ratifie, grant and confirm the fame to our Wellbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Myftery aforefaid, and their Succeffors.

And further, We being certainly informed that divers perfons both Natives and Aliens, exercifing the faid Trade in divers parts of this Kingdom, ftudying and contriving their own difoneft Gain, and purpofing by various ways to deceive and endammage the reft of our Subjects, do work and expofe to fale Gold and Silver cunningly and deceitfully wrought and debafed more than the Standard allows, contrary to the Ordinances in that behalf made.

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And Counterfeit-fones (which are of no value, cunningly fet in fuch kind of Gold and Silver) do daily fell for true Jewels at great rates to divers of our Subjects (not underftanding the fame) as well in places priviledged, as in Fairs, Markets and other places within our Cities and Burroughs of this our Kingdom of Engiand, and neither fear nor doubt to be punifhed or call'd in queftion for the fame.

And the reafon is, for that due fearch or any due punifhment is feldom executed upon Offenders in that Myftery out of the City atorefaid.

And although the Wardens of that Myttery in the faid City for the time being, have (by virtue and power of the aforefaid Letters Patents in form aforefaid granted to them and their Succeffors) had the fearch, infpection, tryal, and regulation of the Gold and Silver fo wrought and to be wrought, and expored to Sale, and power by themfelves or any of them, to fearch and try (continually from the aforefaid 30 . day of $M a y$, in the faid Sccond $y$ ear of the late King Edward the Fourth hitherto by virtue of his faid Letters Patents to them in that behalf made) all fuch kind of deccitful and fraudulent Works and Wares made and to be made of the Gold and Silver aforefaid of any kind whatfoever.

And the faults and decents in thofe Works deceitfully and fubtilly contrived or to be contrived by the Workmen and contrivers thereof, to punifh and correct, as alfo to execute and perform fuch other things as they ought to do by virtue of the aforefaid Letters Patents of the faid late King Edwaid the Fourth.

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Neverthelefs, as We are informed, That notwithftanding the aforefaid Wardens of the faid Myltery for the time being have (ever fince the aforefaid Grants to them and the Company of the faid Myftery in form aforefaid made) been at great trouble and charges (as well at their own proper Cofts, as at the Cofts of the faid Company) to put in execution their Authority of fearching, infpecting, and trying fuch kind of Gold and Silver (as is before-mentioned) and the defects therein, io wrought and put to fale by the Workmen of the faid Trade in divers of the Cities, Burroughs, Fairs, Markets and other places of this Our Kingdom, for the common Ule of Us and of all Our good Subjects.

Yet they have received very little or no profit thereby, but rather have been fubjedt oftentimes not only to pains and perils of their bodies, but alfo to the lofs of their Goods and Chattels by reafon and occafion of their fearching, trying, and putting in execution their Authority aforefaid, in punifhing and correcting the defects of Work upon proof thereof made unto them.

By means whereof, and that the faid Wardens of late in regard of the great menaces and affaults which they have received from thofe Workmen and Tradefmen of that Myltery (that deceitfully fell fuch Gold and Silver in the Countrey) and their Accomplices and Adherents, could not execute their faid Authority any where within Our Kingdom of England, except within Our faid City of London, and the Suburbs thereof.

So that the faid Search, Tryal and Exccution of the faid Authority ceafing, very many frauds, de-

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ceits, Works unskilfully made of Gold and Silver, and of counterfeiting of Jewels in Works of Gold and Silver and otherwife, are daily divers ways increafed in the Myftery aforefaid, by the Workmen of the faid Trade in every part of this Our Kingdom, to the great lofs and detriment of Us, and all Our Liege People.

And We being willing (all the deceitful infuffcient, and unlawful Works and Wares of Gold and Silver, Jewels and Stones, Pearl or Coral, or fuch like, in the Trade aforefaid unfufficiently and unlawfully made and counterfeited ufed to be put to fale) to abolifh and punifh in all things as it ought to be, of Our certain knowledge and meer motion, have given and granted for Us and Our Heirs (as much as in Us lies) to the aforefaid Wardens and Company of the Myftery aforefaid, and their Succeffors.

That the faid Wardens and their Succeffors, and every of them for the time being, fhall have for ever full Power and Authority over all and fingular the Defects, Offences, Faults and Deceits made and attempted or committed contrary to the Ordinances of the Myftery aforefaid in all their fearches and tryals of Gold and Silver, or of Wares Jewels, Stones, Peart, Coral, or of any other Jewels or Counterfeit Stones whatfoever wrought or fet in Gold or Silver, as in Necklaces, Lockets, Rings or Bracelets, or otherwife, howfoever wrought or fet, within this our Kingdom of England wherefoever, againtt theWorkmen or Owners of any of the faid premiffes expofing them to fale.

And all aind every perfons of or ufing the faid
Myftery

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Myftery whatfoever fo deceitfully working, having, or expofing to fale the premiffes aforefaid, (upon due proof made) fhall be by the faid Wardens for the time being committed to the next Goal or Prifon, therein to be punifhed by Imprifonment of their Bodies according to the nature of thoir Offences, and out of the faid Goals or Prifons to be delivered at the difcretions of the faid Wardens or any of them; Or be punifhed by Fines to be fet and impofed upon fuch Delinquents, equal to their Offences, Faults and Deceits, as by the found Difcretions of the faid Wardens or any of them for the time being, fhall be efteemed juft and reafonable, and in that behalf convenient.
We alfo grant for Us and Our Heirs to the faid Wardens and Company, and their Succeffors; That whenfoever, wherefoever, andas often as any Wares of Gold and Silver or Pearl, or of any Counterfeit Stones whatfoever, deceitfully, wrought or fet in the nature of Jewels or Pearl in Gold or Silver, which by Allays thereof are of lefs value and more debas'd in the working of the faid Gold and Silver then of right it ought to be wrought, (that is to fay) not being of the value of Sterling or Standard, (according to the Ordinances and Statutes of $\mathcal{u}_{s}$ and our Progenitors or Predeceffors late Kings and Queen of England in this behalf made) that fhall be found any where as well within any of Our Liberties as without;

Or any Wares of Gold or Silver made within this Kingdom by any Native or Forreign Workmen Tradefmen of the Craft aforefaid wherefoever that thall be fold or expofed to fale ( not bs-

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ing tryed, approved and marked as they ought to be) according to the form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforefaid, that then the faid Wardens for the time being, or two of them, fhall have power and Authority all and every fuch. Wares of Gold and Silver, Counterfeit Stones and Pearls, and other Stones whatfoever (fo deceitfully or unlawfully wrought and expofed to fale wherefoever they thall be found) to arreft, feife, and to break and fpoil them, fo that Our People may not be any more deceived thereby.

And that in all and every the Searches of the faid Wardens and their Succeffors for the time being, of or in the premiffes from time to time in whatfoever places within Three Miles in and about the aforefaid City of London; where any the faid Workmen or Tradefmen of the faid Craft fhall happen to remain, work, or inhabit, the faid Wardens or any of them for the time being fhall caufe to be brought all manner of Works and Wares of Gold and Silver aforefaid, or what Jewels and Precious Stones foever (fet in Gold and Silver) are there wrought or to be wrought, to the Common-Hall of the Wardens and Company of the faid Myftery being in the aforefaid Gity of Lowdon wherein the .Common Standard r r Affize of Gold and Silver (according to the Ordinances ir that behalf made) is kept, there to be tryed and aflayed, And to be reformed if defects fhall be any manner of ways found therein; and after they thall be fo reformed, to be there then affirmed for good, and ftamped with their Marks which they ufe for that purpofe.

And all defective works whatfoever deceitful-

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ly wrought as well of or in Gold as Silver, Counterfeit Stones pur for Jewels therein and faffly made, (or found to be of a worfe Allay than is ought to be) fhall there (according to their difcretions be itterly condemned, without Accompt or any other charge or Anfwer to Us or any of Our Heirs for the premiffes or any of them to be rendred, made or paid tor ever; In witne/s whereof we have caufed thefe Our Letters to be made Patents: Witnefs Our Self at Weftminfter the Third day of February, in the Twentieth Year of. Our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the faid Letters Patents, and all things therein contained; Do for Us and Our Heirs (as much as in Us lyes). allow the fame, and by thefeprefents do Ratifie; Grant and Confirm the fame to Our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Myftery. aforefaid. In witnefs whereot we have caufed thefe Our Letters to be made. Patents. Witnefs Our felf atWefminffer the fixteenth day of March; in the firft Year of our Reign.
Now we Ratifying and Approving the faid Letters Patents and all things therein contained; Do for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us. lyes, allow the fame, and by thefe prefents do Ratifie; Grant and Confirm the fame to Our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Myftery, aforefaid; In Witnefs whereof we have caufed thefe Our Letters to be made Patents. Witnefs Our Self at Weftminfter the Sixth day of 7 une, in the Firft Year of Our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the faid Letters Patents and all things therein contained;

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Do for $\mathrm{U}_{\mathrm{s}}$ and Our Heirs as much as in Us lyes; allow the fame, and by thefe prefents do Ratifie, grant and confirm the fame to our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Myftery aforefaid. In Witnefs whereof we have caufed thefe Our Letters to be made Patents. Witne/s Our Selfat Wefminfter the Fifth day of December, in Firft Year of Our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the faid Letters Patents and all things therein contained, Do for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lyes, allow the fame, and by thefe prefents do ratifie, grant and confirm the fame to Our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Myftery aforefaid; In Witne/s whereof we have caufed thefe Our Letters to be made Patents. Witmefs Our Self at Weftmingter the Third day of fannary, in the Third Year of Our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the faid Letters Patents, and all things therein contained; Do for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lyes, allow the fame, and by thefe prefents do Ratifie, Grant and Confirm the fame to Our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Myftery aforefaid. Ia Witnefs whereof, $\mathfrak{G} c$. Witnefs the King at Weftminfter the Thirtieth day of March, in the Second Year of the Reign of King fames over England, \&cc.
THat all Goldfrit ths in London, and other Traders in GoldBuyzng and fellinges, may know bow to demean themflves in the
I. That in London, every day in the week is a Market day, except Sunday, and a fale (bonafide)

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 in a Shop therein any day of the week is good 2. The fale in fuch Shop muft be of things proper to the Trade of the Shop-keeper, and fo a fale of Plate in a Scriveners Shop is not good, and fo of every other Trade.3. If a fale of Plate be in a Goldfniths Shop (where it is properly to be fold) it muft be publickly and open; for if a fale be there of Plate in an inner Shop, or bebind a Curtain, or a Cupboard, or fuch like, or all or any the windows be fhut, or any thing elfe bides it fo, that he that paffes by cannot readily fee what is done there, it will not. alter the property: All this was refolved on $\boldsymbol{H}$. 38. Eliz. Co. 5. 83. Moor's Rep.p. 36. Evefq; de Worchefter's Cáfe. Moor's Rep. p. 624.
4. If a fale in a Market overt be covinous, or the party that buys the Goods, knows they were folen, this fale alters no property, 33 H.6. 5 . Co. $3.7^{8 \text {. as the buying any ftolen Goods at any }}$ great under value, as Standard Plate under $\rho s$. the ounce Troy, or other ftoln goods for 5 s. which are worth 20 s . or to buy ftoln Plate or other Goods at the full value, having notice, or warning, or caufe of furpicion, (at or before the fale) that fuch Goods were folen, fuch fale alters not the property, but inftead thereof makes the Buyer acceffary to the Fellony. See Mr. Cromp, fol. 43.

Note, In that part of the Goldfmiths Charter confirmed by Parliament it is ordained, That nonethat petend to fie of the bardimithy Crade fall frep any shop gut in Cheapfide, which feems to confine the Market Overt (for that Trade) only to that place.

But the preamble to that part of the Charter

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being confidered, and the extent of the City of London, and the imall number of Goldfmiths at that time, it may be collected, that the defign by the Ki!!g and Parliament was, that all the Shopkeeping Goldfiniths in London (which are fuppofed not then to exceed the number of twenty) flould be confined to the High-street (otherwife called Cheapjide, that being then the only High-ftreet in London, and would then conveniently contain fo fmall a number of Goldfmiths) that their living fo publickly together might be a means to prevent the deceits in their Trade, which their living inobfcure Tuinings, and By-Lanes and Streets would increase and promote; and that if the Goldfmiths fhould (as they are) become very numerous, and the City of London fhould be extended larger, that then all the Shop-keeping Gol dfmiths hould keep Shop in, or be confin'd only to the High-Streets of the City and Suburbs thereof, andevery Goldfmiths Shop therein, to be (in the legal u(age thereof) a Market overt: This feems not to be inconfiftent, (but very agreeable) to the meaning of that part of the Charter: And now it is (as then it was) of great concern to the fafety of the people, that no Goldfmiths be fuffered to keep Shop in obfcure Turnings or by-Lanes or Streets; neither in the City of London, nor the Suburbs thereof: for they are not only the grand Receivers of Stolen Plate, but the venders of falfe, adulterate, and unlawful Goldfmiths works. And affuredly the fale of frolen Plate in fuch Shops, be it in the cleareft day; and not in the leaft obfcured from the fight of Paffengers, alters not the property, but may make the Buyer acceffary to the felonious ftealing thereof.

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The Goldfmiths ORDER lately made and fet forth for Prevention and Redrels of the great Abufes committed in the feveral Warcs aforementioned.

Goldjfmiths-Hall the 23. day of February 1675 .

wHEREAS Complaint gaty bén made to the Boardenti af the com= pany of Goldfmiths London, $\mathfrak{H f a t}$ diverg
 ber wilta, and the pieceg thereta bitoncs= ing with diberg other fmall 18 ares foth ef Gald and Silver, are frequently wadught and put to fale fon aiberg Bolurmiths ana otherg, mozfe than Standard, to the abue
 bifuedit of that ghanufacture; tno lisat there are alfo sibere pieref of siluer fiel:te fold, not heing 3nfaned at Goldfinithe-Hall, and fo not marked witly the Leopards Head aromned, as fu Talw the ame ourfit to He: Ind whereag the neardens of the faid companp to peedent the faid frauds, habe fozmerty reguired aff perfong to foebent patting to fale ann adulterate Dares ci=
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fice: sind lifetwife enter their fameg and place there fipu foz that purpore, wherefip the periond and their gearkio might be Inoun mito the mardeng of the faid eam: pany, whith hawing not hitferto ben du= In dherucis, ©hefe are therefoze to give nas tite to, and to require again afl thofe
 Goldfriths in de about the ditieg of London and Wefminfter, and the suburfy af the fame, ©hat they fath with repair to Gold-fmiths-Hall, andtyere frife their $\$$ araty in a $\mathfrak{c a b l e}$ appointed foz that purpore, and liketifernter their famex , mitt thepla ces of their refpertive Bluelfinga, in a Woole remaining in the Affay-Office there : 2nd that axi well the moozter afi shop: fréper, and afl othergi wozting and cras wing in drafo oz silber mbaredi, of what Kinà oz quality foever they fir, fozbear put= ting to fale any of the fait mozet, not be, ing agreable to staniand, that ig to fan.
 tmenty $\mathfrak{G a r r a t z}$, $\mathfrak{z l n}$ silber not leta in fincnefo than eleyen aunteg twa penng weight : Sind that no perfon oz perfong bo from fentefozth put to fale any of the faid mates either fmall oz great, befoze the modkmanis marfite fruch tyercon, and the fame 3iflapd at Goldfmiths-Hall, and there appzobed foz standard, fof fri Fing thercon the Lyon and Leopards-Head fromned, as one of them, if the faid Works

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will conveniently bear the fame: 3 nin hereof all perfohit comeerned are wefred to talte notite, and oemean themfduequatdeding= In : ofterwife the mardens mill mafte it their care ta peacure them to be peocóded


Goldfmiths-Hall the 7th. day of January, 1677.

WHEREAS $\mathfrak{C o m p l a i n t}$ hath feen made to the BHardengi af the dompany $\mathfrak{d x}$ Bolumithas London, dhat diners fuall
 Siluer miltu, and the pieceg thereto $\mathfrak{b e}=$ langing, mith biverg other fmall Mares Goty of dold and sifuer are frenucntly weunth and put tale fip ainers $\mathfrak{b o l d}=$ fimitiga and othera, mocethan Srandarm, to the great ahule of hig ghajefies good Subjenti, and Diferenit of that spanufa= cture, and repeach in fozein partw to the englifh Baldimiths: Znd that tyere are alfo niverg piece of silncr blate fold, not Geing 2uflaped at Goldfmiths-Hall, and to not marked with the Leopards-Head $\mathfrak{c r o m i n c} \mathrm{m}_{\text {, }}$ as Lyon, agit Patw the fame ought to he. 3ind mhereag the meardeng of the faid rompany, to peevent the faid jrallag, hane foemertp required all perfong to foz= bear putting to sale any abulterate Boarew either of sbald oz siluer, fut that they caule the fame fogthmith to be uefaced.
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 Citieg of London and Weftminfter, and the Suburbs of the fame, and in and afout the 23 urrough of Southwark, that then fozth mith repair to Goldfmiths-Hall, and there frife their squata (firf appzaved of bp the 1 Bardensin Court) ina $\mathfrak{C a b l e}$ appoin: ted far that purpofe; and lifetwife enter their famex, with the platea of their $\mathfrak{r e}$ :〔peaibe Devefing in a $2300 k$ remaining in the 3fflap= ©fite there: Find that ad welf the Moplitr as shopltequer, and alf $\mathfrak{C u t}=$

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 either fmall $\mathfrak{z}$ grtat, befaze the Mozemand mart fe fruth tlear and biffile therean, and upon eberp part thereof, that ix $\mathfrak{w z o u g h t ~ a f u n d e r , ~ a n d ~ a f t e r m a r d x ~ f o d e r e d ~}$ as made faft thereto, infiniffing the fame, the $\mathfrak{l l a r d e n g}$, that it wifl nat conveniently hear the moztera ghark. 3nd tyat (all manter of Sillure Beffiti, and afl mannex
 ner of $\mathfrak{s i l b e r} \mathfrak{D i t h l e g}$ foz $\mathfrak{D e l t a}$ and $\mathfrak{G i r}=$ olets, and other harners of silver be alf faped at Goldfmiths-Hall, and there appza= ucd fas zandard ; foftrifing therena the Lion and Leopards Head renmed, of ane of them, hefoze they be expofed to Sale. Sunu yereof all foerfong ronterned ate requis red to take notice, and demean themrelveat actozingly : onthermife the $\mathrm{Bmarbent} \mathrm{re}=$ folbe to make it thrir tare to procure them
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Touching the feveral Weights now in ufe amongft us, for the buying and felling of Gold and Silver, and precious Stones, the Reader may obferve,

That no other weights are (by our Laws) to be ufed in weighing Gold and Silver, but thofe called by the name of Troy Weights, of which

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24 Grains make a penny weight, or the weight of an old Sterling penny, (which now goes for three pence.)

20 penny weight makes one ounce.
12 ounces make a pound.
The compounding thefe weights (being ufed in Affaying of Gold, and computing the Standard of Gold) are called by the name Carracts, of which a large account is giv $n$ before.

There be other forts of Carracts compounded of Troy grains, thus;

## 4 Grains make a Carract.

6 of fuch Carracts make a penny weight.
120 of fuch Carracts makes an ounce Troy; Thefe are only ufed to weigh Diamonds and Pearls.

That all perfons may know the difference of Tray. weights from others, they are to obferve that there weights are made in the fhapes, and of the Metal, and marked as hereafter is mentioned, (viz.)

The Grain weights are made of pieces of thin Brafs, cotmmonly called Laten-Brafs, and are cut near four fquare, and proportioned from half a grain to fix grains; and fo many grains that each piece contains, it is marked with the like number of round Marks thus (o) And alfo on every piece is (or fhould be) fet the letter $G$ with a Coronet at the head of it, thus ( $\mathbf{G}$ )

The next weights above them, are the penny weights, which are made of thick fquare pieces of Brafs, proportioned from a half-penny weight to a five penny weight, and not ulually higher:

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And fo many penny weight that each piece contains is made or marked thereon, fo many round marks thus ( 0 ) as abovefaid; and alfo is or fhould be fet the Lion on every piece.

The next above them is the ounce weights, they are alfo of Brafs, and made round in nefts, (that is to fay) to fall or fand one within another, and are proportioned from a drachm to 32 ounces, and fometimes to 64 ounces, (viz.) the leaft is a ${ }^{*}$ Drachm; the next half a quarter of an ounce, the next a quarter of an ounce, the next halfan ounce, the next an ounce, the next two ounces, and fo every one dou-

* A Drachm Troy isone penny weight and fix grains; Sixteen of fuch drachms make an ounce Trcy: Half a quarter of an ounce is two penny weight and 12 grains. ble the weight of the next leffer, and every one from an ounce upwards, are marked with numeral Letters of fuch number, as the pieces contains ounces, and alfo every weight marked with two Letters, made thus ( $\mathbf{R}^{\prime}$ ) for Troy, and are or fhould be marked with the Lion and Leopards-Head Crowned.

The next weights above them are farhioned like a Bell, and are called Bell-weights, and are proportioned from one pound or twelve ounces Troy, to thirty two pounds, and fometimes higher, every one being double the weight of the next leffer, as before of the ounce weights, and are or fhould be marked with the fame Marks.
The Standard of there weights is kept in the Tower of London, and alfo in the Goldfmiths-Hall, and the Officers there and none other fhould have the Sizing or Gauging of them; but that being accounted

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accounted too chargeable, the feveral Weightmakers in and about London do ufually Size and Gauge thefe weights themfelves, according to the aforefaid Standard, and do fet marks on them fomething refembling the right ; but by what authority they fo do, l leave to the confideration of thofe immediately concerned therein.
There are other forts of Weights, by fome ufed amongit us, called by the name of $V$ enice-Weights, and are made in nefts of the fame fafhion, as the nefts of Troy ounces are, and every one double the weight of the next leffer, but very much differing from the Troy Weights thus, (viz.) as the Troy ounce contains twenty penny weights, fo the Venice ounce contains but thirteen penny weight and a half. But there being no Law for thefe Venice-Weights amongft us, only the Sellers of Gold and Silver Lace (but without any warrant or authority fo to do) do too often for their private lucre, ufe the fame. But what l have before mentioned of them, is fufficient to prevent their being ufed inftead of the Troy weights.

There are alfo other forts of weights (by our Law) in ufe amongit us, called by the name of Averdupois (the leffer fort of them) are made of Brafs, and fhaped round and flat, and every one double the weight of the next leffer, and are or ought to be Sized and Marked at Grild-Hall London, (where the Standard of thofe Weights is kept, with Reveral Marks, (viz.) the City Arms in a Shield, the Dagger, the Letter A for Averdupois, a Flower-de-luce, and the Effigies of a Veffel or Ewer. Thefe Weights differ from the Troy weights thus, (viz.) that as the Troy ounce

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 contains twenty penny weight, fo the ounce Averaupois contains but 18 penny weight; and as the pound Troy contains twelve ounces, fo the pound Averdupois contains fixteen ounces: But there not being for the weighing Gold and Silver, what I have mentioned of them, is fufficient to diftinguifh them from the Troy Weights.THus I have given you a plain account of what Gold and Silver is produced, and their natures, and that the noblenefs and excellency thereof is the caufe of thetr being in fo great efteem.

I have alro fhewed what induftry hath been ufed heretofore to make thofe Metals the more ufeful and ferviceable in works by Allaying them to a certain Standard, the beft (for the intended purpofes) in the world, and what that Standard is, I have plainly fet down.

I have given you a true and faithful account of the Laws and rules in force, made for keeping all Gold and Silver Works up to that Standard, and for regulating the Goldfrims Trade, and what perfons may lawfully follow that Trade, and rome notes for the better underfanding thore Laws and Rules.

I have given intimation of the tranfgreffion of thofe Laws by the making and relling feveral works of Gold and Silver, of a worfe and courfer Allay than that Standard, and the proper means and ways how every perfon may eafily difcover the fame, and the greatnefs or littlenefs of the deceit, and the right method of proceeding for recompence.

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If for all this any Workers or Sellers of Gold or Silver Works (in any place within this Realm) Thall refolutely perfift in breaking thofe Laws by Working, Selling, or expofing to Sale fuch adulterated and fraudulent Works, to the great difcredit of thofe Metals, and deceit of the people, and difhonour of this Kingdom and Government, and (in particular) the Corporation of Goldfrmiths: Yet I hope all wearing buyers of thofe works will confider, that to buy a thing for Gold or Silver, which is but a ceunterfeit thereof, without diftruft or fcruple, argues a weak credulity: And to wear Brafs or Copper, fuppofing it will be efteemed Gold or Silver, may (inftead of fuch efteem) merit a furpicion that'tis fo worn becaufe of dijability to buy better, or of ambition to have a counterfeit Ornament appear a reality.

Now will any wearing Buyer be fo inconfiderate as to fancy or fay this concerns not him, or it only concerns the Corporation of Goldfmiths; when indeed the evil practices of the Workers and Sellers of Goldfmiths Works will be no ways fo curbed and prevented, as by the ingenuity of the we arcug Buyers and their underftanding what they ought to bave, but if they fhall only underftand what is their property, and not purfue it; I fay (as before) fuch perfons are not only (in this cafe) worthy to be cheated, but are encouragers of fuch evil docrs, and have no excufe left them, when they are hereby fo plainly directed to difcover the cheat, and fo eafily to get recompence, either (immediately) of the Seller, or by application to the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, or to the chief Magiftrates in the feven Touch-Towns, who are bound

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 bound by Law (as aforefaid) to ftand by the para ty wronged, and endeavour what in them lies to purfueall courfes of Law to obtain their recompence.And I do affert, that feveral perfons to my knowledge have made complaint to the Wardens in the method as afore is directed, and have had a quick and fpeedy dippatch to their full fatisfaction; and others who having difcovered their being cheated, have applied themfelves to the perfon of whom the falre work was bought, who have either returned the money which it coft, on good work of the Standard goodnefs inftead thereof, rather than a farther clamour fhould be made to his difgrace, or be called in queftion before Authority for the offence.

But to fuggeit that this deceit is only, or for the moft part in the fmall Silver Works, and therefore inconfiderable and not worth the trouble of the Magiftrate, nor others to fupprefs it, when'tis well known.

That the fmall Works are near as much confiderable as the great Works; for counting the number of Workers and Sellers, and the multitude of Wearers, and the extraordinary wearing, and breaking, and alterations of Farhions of the frsall Gold and Silver Works, above the great Plate, it will appear to be ufed near equal in quantity, if not more.
For, it may be obferved, that in and about London, for one that works in great Plate, there is fix fmall Workers, and more; and that the great Workers do not always make their veffels and work of the largeft fort, but do make abun-

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dance inconfiderable in the weight; as of $5,4,3$, or 2 ounces each piece, and goes under the name of $f$ mall Works; and that the Small Workers do fre-, quently make heavy Works, as Hilts, and Buckles, and fuch like, weighing $3,4,5,6,8 ; 10$, or 12 . ounces the piece or fett, and yet is accounted. SmallWork; and that when Trade has been indifferent quick, feveral of thefe Small Workers have each of them to my knowledge wrought into Buckles, and Hilts, and fuch like 200 ounces and more of Silver in every week of a very bafe Allay.

So that if half the Small Works be adulterated or made of Counterfeit Sterling or Standard, the wearers of Such Works cannot be lefs cheated (by what may reafonably be collected confidering what is made and fold in London, and all parts of the Kingdom) than two hundred pounds in every week, reckoning but one fbilling cheat in every ounce of Silver, and fo proportionably in Gold; but if any confiderable number of the fmall Workors thould each of them cheat 5 , or 6 , or $\mathbf{1 0}$, or $15 l$. or more in every week in the Buckles and Hilts, and the pieces thereto belonging (which is well known fome have done) and fo ot other fmall Works, it would amount to a greater fum.

And to fancy that this deceit being fo divided, fevered, and difperft, that no one perfon can complain of any confiderable lofs thereby, therefore: no need of punifhing or fuppreffing thercof.

By the fame reafon if Thieves and Robbers do craftily take or fteal but by little and little, to the value of 6 d . of one, is. of another, 2 s . of ano-


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 no need is there of punifhing or fuppreffing them: The inference thereof I leave to all, and do hope that the wearing buyers of Goldfmiths works, ( to wit, Sword-bilts, and the piecees thereto belonging, Buckles for Belts and Girdles, and \$hoo-Buckles, and Garter-Buckles, Watch-Cafes, and the Pins and Studs that are put into Watch-Cafes, Rings of all forts, Lockets, and other fewels; Money-Boxes, Tobacco-Boxes, Coral.Sockets, and the Brafs wier put in thofe Sockets, and Copper Clappers in the Bells; all forts of Buttons and Taggs for Garments; Cbirurgeons Instruments, Clafps, Cbanns, DramCups, and all otber forts of (mall work, and of the great Plate that is made in the remote places from London) will not fuffer themfelves to be thus wheedlingly cheated by thofe Works, of 11 or 12000 \%. or more, in every year: But that be the cheat fmall or great, or the offender rich or poor, the agrieved perfons will vigoroufly profecute, and the Magiftrates feverely punifh every offender in the Goldfimiths Trade.And rather then the poverty of any offender, fhould deterr the profecution and fevereft punithment, I do averr that (they being the firft and principal adventurers to make thefe fraudulent Works) it were better they were maintained by the Alms of the Rarifh, than thus to affift to cheat the people, and difcredit the Goldfmanths Wares, and thereby fpoil their Trade. And the more able Working-Goldfmiths, that would work honeftly, are forced to follow fuch their ill example, or procure them to be punifhed, or lofe their Trades. And certain it is, if the Fines on theefe offenders be fmall, it will be worth their while

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to pay it, and go on again in making and vending fuch abeating Works: for true it is, that one weeks cheat, or lefs, may make double recompence for an ordinary Fine, and it will be a great chance if thefe punifb'd offenders, that live privately, be catsbt once in balf, or a whole year after.

A more particular account of thefe deceits take thus: The Shop keeper buys in his Shop all forts of old courre Gold and Silver works, and you may be fure not for above the juft intrinfick value that ${ }^{2}$ tis worth ; which courfe Go'd or Silver, (inftead of cauling the Refiner to make it of the fineness of Standard) he either works up again himfelf, or puts it out to his Work-men abroad (who live generally in private ) to be wrought; or elfe the mean Work-men, having made up courfe Gold or Silver works of their own, about with it they go to the Shop-keepers; and they, whether Goldfmiths, or Traders in their Works, (if evilly difpofed ) do receive of thefe New works more or lefs, as they have occafion, and put in Gage weight for weight their Old courfe Gold or Silver againft the New, and only pay the Work-man for the Fathion. And the Work-men dare not refufe this way of dealing, for the number of them being great, and are generally very poor, that if one do refufe, another (efpecially an Alien) will imbrace it, and the refufer lofeth his Trade, and fo is undone: And the complying worker has this further advantage, he will make it cour $\int$ er, and fo every time ('tis new wrought) cosrfer and courfer, and as bad as poffibly he can work it, and make it hhew like Gold or Silver. And if the evil difpofed Goldfmiths deliver Gold or Silver

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 that is Standard, to be wrought into Works, or do work it themfelves, they will certainly mix, or caufe the Work-man to mix in it, fuch quańtities of Copper as will make it of the cuftomary courfnets. Herein lyes the delufion of that pretence, (to wit): that be takes (or delivers to bis Work-wen) no Gold or Silver but Standard to be wrought into Works.This counterfeit Gold or Silver work, is al-. ways fold to the wearing buyer (if Silver) at $s s$. the ounce, and (if Gold) at $4 l$. the ounce, although moft times it be not worth above half the price, befides the Fafhion. I charge not all Shop-keeping Goldfiniths, and Traders in their Works, with thefe unlaw furl doings; but affuredly 'tis an overfpread difeafe, for the evil-difpofed Goldfmiths and Traders in their Works, will (as the Laws to prevent thefe deceits now are) in defpite of Fate practife it at all opportunitles, and the honeft Goldfmiths and Traders in their Works, mult (though unwillingly) do fo too, or lofe their Trades. And many honeft Worker's would gladly contribute largely both pains and money to punith offenders, arid obtain a thorow Reformation; but are fo over-abped by the evildifpofed Shop-keepers with whom they deal, that they dare not appear or give the leaft countenance to it; which if the Shop-keeper perceives they do, it will affuredly coft them the lofs of their Cuftom, unlefs fome extraordinary thing prevent.

And that the honeft Goldfmiths and Traders in their Works, are fo forc'd to practice thefe deceits, it may plainly appear by there Examples:

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Suppofe a Set of Buckles weighing two ounces be made of Sterling, which Silver the honeft Goldfmith fells for ros. 6 d. you may be fure he gains nothing by that; but if he take 3 s. a reafonable price for the Faflhion, which is all his gains, O how 'tis fcrupled, as a great rate, and too dear! For the evil-difpofed Goldfmith will make a Set of the fame likenefs and weight, worth but 3 s. 6 d. the ounce, and take ros. for the Silver, and but 2 s . for the Fafhion, and this by the wearing buyer is counted a great deal the better bargain, when indeed 'tis the dearer by 2 s . than the good Silver Buckles.

Or fuppofe a Gold Ring weighing 6 dwt. be made of Standard, which Gold the honeft Goldfmith fells for 11.4 s. You may be fure he gains nothing by that; but if he take 3 s. a reafonable price for the Fafhion, which is all his gains, 'tis fcrupled, and accounted a great rate, and too dear : For the evil-difpofed Goldfmith will make a Gold Ring of the fame likenefs and weight, and the Gold worth but 18 s . and take I l. 4 s. for it, and but 2 s . for the Fafhion, and this by the wearing bayer is accounted a great deal the better bargain, when indeed'tis dearer by 5 s . than the other. But if the Gold or Silver be courfer, as often it is, the bargain will be fo much the dearer, and the cheat the greater. And fo it is of all other Goldfmiths works which are adulterated, and this deceitful pretended cieappefs draws away the bonef Go idfmiths Cufom, and exceedingly cheats the wearing buyer.

Another invention is ufed among the evil-difpofed Goldfmiths, and Traders in their Works,

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 to defraud the pearing buyer: They will always (efpecially now there is fo great noife about thefe deceits) keep of every fort of Gold and Silver works, both of the Standard goodnefs, and of a courfer Allay, ready for Sale; and when the Cuftomer comes to buy, they will carefully obferve whether he has skill in the Silver or Gold, and whether he is forupulous of its goodnefs, by asking for the marks, and (the common, though frivolous queftion) whether they will warrant it to be Standard; then be fure he muft be very impsedent that will put any Wares but good, into fuch fcrupulous perfons hands: But if they perceive the Cuftomer carelefs, or unskifful, then he is the perfon that fhall affuredly have the Adulterated Goldfmiths works.This artifice occafions the difficulty for perfons imployed on purpofe (by the Company, or others) to buy the deceitful Works, thereby to have the offenders profecuted according to Law : For fuch perfon imployed muft be very ingenuous in ma-. naging his words and carriage, and to make diftinction, elfe he may buy the good inftead of the bad, by which may accrue confiderable lofs by the Fafhion, they having not occafion for the fame.
I know many will be much offended at thefe difcoveries, and reflect on me that old faying; That 'tis a forry Bird that defiles his own Neft; but let fuch confider in thefe cares, that he is not the defiler, that difcovers and endeavours. to cleanfe the filthy corrupt doings in this Trade, But they that are the Altors and Abetters of adnlterating the Goldjmiths Works, are defilers of their.

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Nests, a difcredit to their Warks, and difbonour to the whole Trade and Nation.

I am the more plain in this cafe, becaufe I find this diftemper is contumacious, and the offenders incorrigible, and do impudently defie the Laws, and dare the Magiftrates to their faces; and do at every time they cheat in thefe Works, and efcape, conclude that no agrieved perfons will. trouble themfelves to call them in queftion for the fame; and the threatning againft them by others, to be but as an old Womans Fable.

Wherefore thefe offenders ought to be expofed to exemplary punifhment, not only to pays confiderable Fines, but with the Pilory, lefs then which will not fop the cariere of this fo grand deceit. And fince the counterfeiting a Pafs, was punifhed with the Pillory, and a Fine, Lib. delib. Goal. Newgate, 5 Docemb. 8 Car. I. and the like punifhment impofed for counterfeiting a Butobers Licenfe, 3 March. 7 Car. ead. Lib. it may be fuppofed that the counterfeiting the Sterling on Standard in Works of Gold or Siluer, and feling, exchanging or bartering the fame, (being agreater cheat) will not be lefs feverely dealt with.

And to the end thefe deceitful practices may be effectually fupprefs'd'and prevented, I will humbly propore to our wife Law-makers, whether a further Authority (with rectucing all Goldfiniths into that Corporation as aforefaid) may begiven to the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, and to all other Surveyors as the King is Authorized by the afore-recitedStat. of 37 Ed. 3.7. to appoiniz, and affo to the parties grieved, to this offeot following; (viz.)

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THat it Jhall aind may be lawful to and for the Wardens of the Company of Goldfmiths of the City of London, and either of them, and their Succeffors, and Such other skilful perfon and perfons as the Kings Majefty, his Heirs and Succeffors, 乃all from time to time think fit to appoint, and authorize. under the Great Seal of England, at all times hereafter, in the day time, for the better redrefs of the evils aforefaid, to enter into all and every Shop and Shops, Work-houles and Ware-boufes of all and every perfon and perfons trading in, and felling any Plate Veffels, Harnefs, or any other work or ware of Gold or Silver, and furvey, view, and try the faid wares; and in cafe they gall find any of the faid works or wares, whether they be fingle or mixt, or joyned with the works of other Trades, to be deficient, ciiber for want of fuch Stamp and Marks as by the Statutes made for regulating Goldfmiths works, are required, or be not of good and warrantable Allay, or any Brafs, Copper, or Laten works, gilt or fivered, contrary to the Stat. s Hen. 4.13. That then it foall and may be lawful to and for the Wardens and their Succeffors, and Such other Surveyors, perfon and perfons fo to be authorized under the Great Seal as aforefaid, rafpectively to feize and Jecure the. Jame, avd the Jame feizure Jall return and prefent at the next Seffions of the Peace for fuch County where fuch foizure is made; and in cafe upon fuch Prefentment, the owner of Juch Works Jhall not be fatisfied witb fucb feizure, but will juftifie the fame to be lawful Works, that then the Jaid owner Kall fort hwith plead Not guilty unto the Said Prefentment, and the Court thereupon, at the fame Seffions, fhall. carse a fury ta
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be returned, to try the faid IJJue, upon which tryal the faid parties Joall be at liberty to give the ffecial matter in evidence: And in cafe the Verdict Sall be given for the Profecmtor, or the faid Wares fball be condemned on fuch Prcfentment, by Nihil dicit, that then in either of the faid cafes, the fard Wares foall be appraifed in the faid Court, upon the Oatbs of two perfons, and the one moiety of Such appraifement Shall forthwith, before delivery of the faid Wares, be paid unto the Sheriff of the faid County, to be anfwered on his accounts in the Exchequer to bes Majefty, wherewith the Clerk of the Peace is bereby required to cloarge bim in bis Estreats in the Exchequer ; and the other monety Shall go and be to the perfon and perfons making fuch feizure. And the faid 7ustices of the Seffions to be bereby anthorized and required, in caje of fuch tryal as aforefaid, if the Verdict foall be given for the Profecutor, to tax and affefs him bers full coft by bim oxpended in fuch profecution, and alfo twenty Sillings for his attendance, in cale the moiet y of the Works feized be not of that value. And in cafe the Verdict frall be given againft the Profecutor, that then the faid Court ffall tax and affers the Deferdiant bis full coft of Suit, and 乃oall from time to time grant Execution for levying all the Jame money fo taxed as aforefaid; and thie faid condewnation or tryal there to be bad, fall be concinfire to all parties, without further Appeal to any other Court by Certiorari, Writ of Error, or any otherwife whatfoever.

Andin cafe any Goldfmith, or any other perfon or perfons, fellers of any works or wares of Gold or Silver, or gilt or filvered Brafs, Copper, or Laten, Soall refufe to permit tos faid Wardens, ar other the perfon

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or perfons, or Surveyors fo to be autborized as aforefaid reffectively, to furvey, fearch and try, in the day time, all Such wares and works of Gold and Silver, or gilt or fluered works aforefaid, as frall be withon their refpective Shops or Ware-houfes; or Ball refufe, when required, to open all their Compters, Cbefts, Glaffes, Cupboards, Boxes, Drawers, Workboufes, Ware-boufes, and all and every other place and places where the faid wares are i. wally made or kept, that then every perfon fo offending, to forfeit for every fuch refufal the fum of five pounds, the one moiety where of to be to our Soveraign Lord the King, bis Heirs and Succeffors, and the other moiety to fuch perfon and perfons to whom fuch refufal is made, together with full cost, in cafe the faid forfeitures be contefted, and recovery be had by Suit at Law.

And that all 7ustices of the Peace, Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, and all other Officers, where any fearch Sall be made by virtue of this ACt, fball be aiding and affifing to the faid Wardens and Surveyors refpectively, in making fuch fearches.

And that if ary perfon or perfons whatfoever, do or fsall counterfeit or deceitfully make, or caufe to be counterfeited or deceitfully made, the Mark or Marks of the Corporation of Goldfmiths, or the Mark or Marks of any Goldfmith, entered and registred as by the Statutes aforefaid is directed, on any work of Gold or Silver what foever, that then fuch perfon fo offending, ball for every fuch offence incurr the penalty of Fifty pounds, to be divided betwixt the King, and the party grieved that Ball fue for the fanse: And where the offender is not able to pay fuch Fine, he Sall undergo twelve months imprifonment

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prifanment without Bail or Mainprife, and be alto publickly whipt upon bis naked back at the Carts Tail, once in every month during such imprifoment.

And that the Wardens of the Goldsmiths aforesaid, and all other Surveyors appointed for the Allaying and Marking the Goldsmiths works, and their Succeffors respectively, Bal and may lawfully detain and keep (the weight of) 4 grains of Silver, and no more, out of every ounce Troy, and fo propertionable out of every lefter weight, of all Silver works they do allow and mask for good, that Sol contain in each piece under the weight of fix ounces Troy, for and towards the extraordinary charge and pains about Affaying and Marking the fame.

And that if any Action, Plaint, Suit or Information, Bal be commenced or profecuted against any, person or persons for what be or they fall do in purfrance, or in execution of this AEt, such perfon or perfons fo Sued in any Court what foever, Bal and may plead the general Iffue Not guilty, and upon any Iflue joyned, may give this ACE and the facial matter in evidence: And if the Plaintiff or Prosecuter Shall become Non-juit, or forbear further profecsution, or fifer a discontinuance, or if the Verdict pats againft him, the Defendants bal recover their treble costs, for which they fall have the like remed as in any cafe where copts by the Law are given to Defendants.

And that it may be enacted, that from time to time, and at all times hereafter, when any perron is or Sal be agrieved, by having received or bought of any Goldsmith, or other Trader in Goldsmiths works in London, or five miles compass of the fame City,

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any manner of Gold or Silver werk what faever, that in nos of the finenefs, or is worle then the Standard appointed for Galdfmiths warks by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm; It fkall and may be lawful.to. and for any one or more fuftices of the Pease, or chief Magiftrate of the place where the offance fhall be committed, be or they to be hereby required and enjoyned, apon proof ta bim or them reppectively made. of Such offence, by the Oath of the party grieved, of: his or hei receiving or luying the work, (and producing the Report of eitber the fworn Affay-Mafter of the Goldfmiths-Hall, or the fueorn Afay-Mafter of the Tower of London, under eitber of their. bands, that the Work is worfe thin Standard, and unlawful; which Aflays and true Reports they and either of them, to be required readily to performs for ufual Fees; which Oath the jaid 7uftice and 7uftices of the Peace, and chief Niagiftrate refpectively, to be bersby impowred and required to adminifter) to make Record of euery fuch offence under bis or tbeir, hands and foals refpectively, which Record fo made' as aforefaid, to be to all intents and purpofes in Law taken and adjudged to be a full and perfect conviction of overy fuch offender for every fuch offence. By vertiue of which Record, the Wardens of the Goldfusitbr, or any one of them, (baving the falfe Work, and a true Copy of the conviction, and Record of the affence, under the hands and feals of fuch refpective 7uftice or chief Megiftrate, delivered to tbem or any ouc of thems) foall and miay lawfully, and are bereby awthorized and required, wath tbe affiftance of a Conftable, Hsadborough, or Tithing-man, (who are bersby required to be aiding and affiting herein) to levie tha foell funs that fuch deceitful Goldh or Sil-

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vier works was fold at, to such respective person griewed, with neceefsury charges, and also twenty fillings for a Fine, in cafe the false Works be not of that vatue, by diffrefs and Sale of Such offenders Goods and Chattels, rending the overplus; and with fuch mone to make re-payment to the party grieved bis realfondle charges, and the aforesaid Fine and deceitfut Work foal be to the use of the laid Corforation.

Provided always, that where fuch offender fall find himself agrueved, by such conviction and distress as aforefaid, that it Ball and may be lawful for him, within one week after the fard diftrefs Ball be mate as aforefaid, (and not after) to appeal in writing. from the person convicted, (be entering into Recognizance before the fuffice or Magiftrate that made the Record, to prosecute the said Appeal to effect) to the Judgment of the quftices of the Peace in their 2 nimrter-Seffions, to whom the fuftice of the Peace, or chief Magistrate, or Alderman that fir $f$ convicted the offender, Ball certifie under bis or their bands and foals the evidence upon which the conviEtion pals' $d$, and the whole Record thereof, and the. Said Appeal and Recognizance; whereupon Such offender may plead and make defence, and have bis tryal by a fury thereupon. And in calf Such Appellint Sal not profecute, with effect, or if upon Such tryal be fall not be acquitted, or Judgment pals not for bim upon bis said Appeal, the aid fuftices at their Seffons ß all give treble cost against such offerder, for bis Said unjust Appeal: And no other Court J ball intermeddle with any Cause or Causes of Appeal upon Such conviction, record and diftrefs, but it foal be finally determined in the Quarter-Seffions only.

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This method may be fitted as effectual for all other places in the Kingdom, by impowring the Juftices and chief Magiftrates there, to iffue forth their Warrants (after conviction and record made of the offence as aforefaid) to make diftrefs, and to re-pay the agrieved perfon: and the falfe Goods to be to the ufe of the Poor of the Parifh, and liberty of Appeal as aforefaid.

If this or fome other provifion thall be thought ft by our Law-makers to be made, for the better enabling the Wardens of the Goldfmiths to perform their duty, and to make the profecution of thefe offenders quick, cheap, and eafie, it will doubtlefs totally fupprefs thefe deceits.

But now as the cafe is, the Wardens will fay, we are willing to do our duty to the utmoft, we have provided an Affay-Office at our Hall, with Officers and all conveniences therein, for Affaying and Marking all Gold and Silver works that are Standard, and will conveniently bear the Marks.

We do not refufe, but allow all Workers in Goldfmiths works in London, and three mikes compafs, the Afay and Touch at our Office, as thofe free of our Company have.

We are ready at all times needful, and do make fearch among all Workers and Traders in Goldfmiths works, and feverely punioh the offenders for what offences we can find.

But here lyes the mifchief that marrs all, let us agree upon and appoint a fearch as fecret as we can, and fo fecretly proceed aboift the work, 'tis poffible we may furprize one, two, or three of thefe deceitful Traders at firlt, and view and try

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their works. But 'tis certainly true, they will give notuce one to the other; therr all the reft will prefently hide and lock up all their deceitful works, and when we come to fearch, fome pretend they have none but good, and most will refufe to open either Glafs, Prefs, Compter, Box or Drawer, or Back-room, (which is the principal place; ) And fome when having recured their falfe Works, will abfent themrelves until we are gone; and we doubting of our power to break open or punifh the contempt, do depart : and thus our endeavours are made fruitlefs both in City and Country.

But Quere, Whether the Goldfniths and Traders in their Works, that do refufe to give free liberty of fearch, (to all or any of thofe authorized by Law to fearch, view and try the Goldfmiths works) be Inditiable and Fineable by the Comimon Law for the contempt; if it be fo, yet the clarge and trouble, and little profit, will difcourage the profecution.

And, whet her the Wardens of the Goldfmith's, and other the Surveyors, bave Authority (upon refufal) to break open Glaffes and Preffes, and all places where they do fee any works of their Trade, (among $\$ t$ any Goldfrsiths and Traders in their works) and to view and try the fame; if they bave, yet that Autherity will avail little, for the Adulterated works are chiefly kept in more obfcurity.

And the agrieved perfon will fay, I have bought a fet of Silver Buckles, and by the direction aforefaid do find I am cheated 2,3 , or $4 s$. or more in them; or, I have bought a Silver Hilt, and do find I am cheated 6 , or 8 , or 10 , or $15 s$. in it, and the pieces thereto belonging; and 50 of atl otber

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other forts of fmall works both of Gold and Silver, and the great Plate made remote from London: And he will fay, he that fold it me is a cheating Knave, I will go to him again, if I can conveniently, or can remember or know where he is, or inhabits, and Hector him to make me recompence; which if he refure to do, I confider that to profecute him at the Sefflons, will require the lofs of a great deal of time, and more charges than the fum I am cheated of, efpecially if he remove the Plaint into the Kings-Beach Court; or if I begin with him there, or any other Court, it will be the fame thing, as to lofs of time and great expence, therefore I will omit the profecution: And becaufe of the dijparagement to wear fuch braffie counterfeit Goldor Silver, I will put it off for what I can get, and take more care the next time I buy fuch Works, or wholly omit the wearing of them.

This is the common faying among the people, and the apprehenfion of the difcouragement in profecuting the Workers and Sellers of thefe Adulterated cheating Works, is a great encouragement to their proceedings therein.

But my good Country-men, I pray confider that none of you are born only for your relves, but ought to be helpful to the Publick; if fome agrieved perfons are timorous, unable, or fo desll, that they will rather fuffer this way of cheating to proceed in a full torrent, than take a little pains, or be at a little charge to put a ftop thereto, yet I hope fome of you (having more generous Spirits, for the good and honour of your Country ) will confider, that although the profecution

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cution of thefe offenders for fmall crimes, may be rather a lofs than gain to you; yet the bringing thefe offenders fometimes to publick punifhment, will make them fenfible that they are not fecure as berctofore from the lagh of the Law, for Juch their deceitful practices. But if the proccedings of the Wardens, and the grieved perfons, were made more effectual, cijeap, quick and eafie, where the Wardens go once in therr fearch now, they would then go ten times; and where there is one agrieved profecutor now, there would then be twenty: then who would dare to offend in the Goldfimiths Trade ?

Now let me reafon the cafe a little with you, that will notwithftanding all that I have writ, and all the late punifhments that have been inflicted for thefe offences, obitinately and refolutcly perfift in working and relling unlawful Gold or Silver works, what do you think will be the right ways cither to advance your Trade, or leffen it?

Can you imagine that although the buyer perceive not the deceit at firt, (when the work is newly fold, and cunningly fet off, with all your skill) that he will not perceive it in the wearing like Brafs or Copper? and when fold again, be allowed but 3 s. or 3 s. 6 d . the ounce for the Silver, and but $2 l$. 10 s . or $3 l$. the ounce for the Gold, when he paid $5 s$. the ounce for the Silver, and $4 l$. the ounce for the Gold, befides the Famion.

You may be fure he will not only repent the dealing with you, but publickly fay, You are a very cheating Knave; and fay alfo, Who would buy fuch fort of Works wherein is fo much de-

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ccit, but rather ufe any other thing inftead thereof? And thus people are difcouraged to bay your Works, and your Trade decays; whilft you vainly think to troble your profit, but inftead thereof lofe your Trade.

When otherwife if your Gold and Silver works be of Standard goodnefs, your Cuftomers will fay, 'Tis as good as money in their Pockets, weingt for wewht ; and that they know what they paid for the Fafhion, which is all the lofs they fhall be at, and the work wears creditable; and they will not repent of their bargain, but publichly commend it, whereby others will be encouraged to buy fuch Works, and fo your Trade increafes.

And I will affert, that if all the Gold and Silver works were made of Standard goodners, for one ounce that is thercin ufed now, there would then be three ources and more: And thus would your Trade flourinh, and the old Proverb would be to you cxperimentally true, that Honefty is the best Policy.

And although the old (but erronious) Proverb is, That ho:eft dealing is a Jewel, but they that life it thall die Beggars; yet I have obferved, and 'tis well known of feveral perfons that haye got confiderable Eftates by indirect and unjuft means, and it has mouldered and wafted away, and the parties come to a very mean condition.

And others who have ufed a good confcience in their dealing, and have what in them lay, proceeded in all their ways by the rule of juftice and honefty, have been very profperous, and arrived

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to confiderable Eftates, and it hath continued to them and theirs.

But fome Workers and Traders in Goldfmiths Works will fay, others do make falfe and adulterated Works, and fell cheap, and we work honeftly and have no gains coucht widifcernably in the Mctal, therefore muft have a fuitable and vifible profit to our labour ; and by confequence our works mult bear a bigher prife than the adultereted works of the fame likenefs and weight, or we cannot live : And the falfe works being cbeaper, and yet more gainful than our honeft works, will be vended, and have free palfage amongit the unskilful people, whilft our good and lawful works will lie on our hands.

How then can we (by common reafon) be induced to believe that our honefty will maintain us, or your obfervation of the good fuccefs of honeft dealing be ufeful to us to prevent the neceffity of our being brought to work; and fell as bad as any, or ftarve

To which my honeft Brethren, I fay, you are obliged by the Laws of this Land, and Principles of Chriftian Religion to be true and juft in all your dealings, neither to cheat by your felf, nor be acceffarg to others cheating; not to work, or caufe to be wrought or vended, falfe and adulterated Gold or Silver work of your own, nor to work it for others: if you do the contrary, 'tis Rebellion, and as the fin of Witchcraft; in the practice of which you thall never profper: and further, you are to confider, you are placed by providence in this Trade for your livelihoods, and I hope have ingenuons capacities to manage it fo, that you

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may appear to the world to be curious Artifts. Then be you ingenious allo to keep a Brotherly Correfpondence one with the other, and every one endravoli: his uttermoft (to obtain the New Laws afore-propofed, and in the mean time) to difcover, impeach, and profecute by the affiftance of the Waidens, and means, as afore is directed, all that do work or fell adulterated works, this (with the never-failing feverity of the Courts on thefe Offenders) will break the hearts of knavith actions and defigns in your Trade, all then muft work Gold and Silver of a like goodnefs, none then can under-fell you but will ruine themfelves: And you cannot be accounted ignominicus Informers, which are thofe that jue upon Penal Statutes, and aim more at the private lucre than the fuppreffing or preventing the Tranfgreffion, and will unlawfully compound the Offence, or take bribes to forbear profecution. Be you clear from thefe in your profecutions, and then you will be; nay you cannot be accounted other (without calumny and flander) than the parties grieved: and fuch your proceedings being fo juft and honeft, and honorable to your Trade and Nation, you will certainly have the Eleffing of Divine Providence in fo eminent a meafure, that you will be forc'd to confefs, that no ill courfe is comparable to the juft and honeft, for your growing rich, and that your Riches well gotten is bleffed to you and yours.

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TH AT my good intent for preventivg fraud not only in cafes where Maljy Gold and Silver are ufed, but alfo in other Works made or pretended to be made. thereof, may take the better effect, 1 foall give you another Statute fitl in force, made as well to fupprefs and prevent the Gilding and Silvering of Copper and Brafs Morks, and the deceit therein ufed, as the wasting the Gold and Silver of this Nation, (viz.)

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By which Statute the Gilding or Silvering any Locks, Rings, Beads, Candlefticks, Harnefs (that is, the Buckles) for Girdles, Chalices, Hilts, Pom.mels for Swords, Powder-Boxes and Covers for Cups made of Copper or Laten (to wit, Brafs) is pofitively forbid, upon the penalty of $\rho l$. for every otfence. And one reafon thereof appears to be this, That fuch working Copper or Laten, and covering the fame with Gold or Silver, is not only a great wafting of the Gold and Silver, but the occafion of a great fraud, by making fuch Wares to be in appearance of the value of whole Gold and Silver, when indeed they are in the fubftance thereof but drofs and Counterfeit. And no doubt but fome perfons at this day (as well as when that Statute was made) are or may be deceived by

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fuch falfe Counterfeit Works, and perhaps (whea it is too late) experience the old Proverb to be true; That all is not Gold that glifters.

And it is not to be doubted, but that the Makers of that Statute were well informed that Copper or Brafs may be wrought into very many forts of Work where in Gold or Silver may be wrought. And becaufe much deceit was then ufed in the working of Buckles; and in Hilts and Pommets for Swords, $\mathcal{O} c$. as well as of later times, fuch fevere penalties were laid on the Workcrs of fuch falfe Warcs, purpofely tofipprefs all Counterfeit and deceitful Work.

Such works being not only a wrong to the wearer by doing little or no fervice, (by reafon of its brittlenefs, and its cankering and itinking quality, and foon lofing its Gcid or Silver Colour) but alfo to the workers of whole Gold and whole Silver works, who are much hindered and damnified in their Trades, by reafon fuch falfe works are made to refemble their true or right works, and fold and worn inftead thereof.

Therefore it may be reafonab y conceived, that the workers of whole Gold and whole Siiver works are intended by the faid Statute, fartics grieved as well as the wearer, and hall recover fatisfaction from the Olfenders.

And I am well aflured, that the profecution of the Offenders againft this Statute (which may be done by Bill, Plaint or Informa:ion) belongeth to the Wardens and Company of Goldjmiths, London, as well as the private agrieved party.

And the makers and workers of fuch counterfeit works are fubjectced to the Wardens and Com-

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 panies power to Correct and punifh in as full and ample manner as fuch workers who cover Tin with Silver mentioned in therr Charter.IWill further add fomet hing that may be ufeful to them that know it not, to prevent their being dev ceivediw ith the Counterfeit Coin, that (notwithjtanding the great care used by our Governors to prevent it) is continually made and vended amongft us. Wherefore they are to obferve,

Firft, That there is one fort of unlawful Money, that is made fo, (of the law ful Coin) by Clipping or Filing, or both, or otherwife lightening or impairing the fame.

Secondly, There is another fort of unlawful Counterfeit Money, made with the mixture of a little Silver and other bafer Metal, which by artificial working, boiling, and finifhing, will be made much like in countenance, and near as paffable as good Money.

Thirdly, There is another fort of unlawful Money, made of folid Copper or Brafs, and covered or cafed over (on the flat parts as thick as paper, and on the edges near as thick as a fixpence) with good Silver, and is commonly as pallable as the other.

Fourthly, There is another fort of Counterfeit Money made only of fine hardened Tin, which comes near (at firft making) to the colour of good Silver Money.

For the knowing of thefe (one from another and all) from the Lawful Coin; Note further,

Of the firft, The good Silver Coin that is clipt, filed or leffened, although thereby made unlaw-

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ful, yet according as it is more or lefs by thefe ways abufed, the people do receive or refufe it, as they can agree.

Of the ticond, This fort, although when artificially finifht, it much refembles the proper Silver Coin; yct it cannot be fo cunningly done, but it may be difcovered by its different afpect from the good; if that give caufe of fufpicion, rub either the edge or flat part of it upon a dry board that hath gravelly or gritty matter on it, as the ftep of a ftair, or fuch like; or elfe when the furface or out-part of the edge is a little rub'd off, rubit on a good clean Touch-ftone; as afore is directed: and if it be falle, you will thereby difcover it. Or elfe take a Goldfmiths Graver made fharp, and enter it in fome part of the flat of the Money as if you begun to engravewit, and in that hole or entrance (by viewing it in the light) if bad, it will appear in its yellowifh colour:

Of the third, This fort is always different from the good Silver money thus, (to wit) as the good Silver money hath frequently (I mean the old Money) :mall cracks on the edges thereof, which is made by the forging it ; fo this fort of Counterfeit Money is generally fmooth on the edges without fuch Cracks; and as the good Money will(being let fall or thrown flat on a folid Board) ring fhrillifh; fo this fort of bad Money, by reafon its Cafe of Silver cannot be fo united to its body of Brafs or Copper, but it will (if let fall or thrown as aforefaid) found like Lead, where thefe figns give caufe of fufpicion, the ufe of a Graver, as aforetaid, will plainly difcover it.

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Of the Fourth: This fort is eafily difcovered thus, (that is to fay) it cannot be avoided but its countenance will look much duller or darker than the good Money; and if you bite it, you may make greater impreffions thereon with your teeth than on the good Coin, for it is fofter, and much eafier to be bent (either between the teeth, or in fome chink or joynt of boards) than 穹ood Mroney.

There may be other forts of Counterfeit Silver money, and other ways to difcover the fame. But to enlarge this Difcourfe on the critick-niceties of what is, or may be obfervable therein, and the Laws in force concerning the fame, would not only fwell this, but be matter for another Volume: Therefore I will only add, that ingenuous perfons, bcing well acquainted with the particulars of the foregoing Treatife, and thefe plain Rules here laid down, and by their care to obferve nicely the proportion, ftamp, countenance, and wearing of the good money, will eafily difcernits difference from the Counterfeit. And as the Counterfenting, Clipping, Rounding, Wafking, Filing, Impairing, Diminifing, Falffying, Scaling or Lightening, (for wicked lucre fake) the proper Money or Coins of this Realm, is High Treafon by thefe Statutes (to wit) 25 Edw. 3.2. and 5 Eliz. 11 . and 18 Eliz. i. And the Actors of thefe Crimes, their Counfellors, Confenters, or Aiders therein, to be punifhed accordingly: So the counterfeiting the Sterling or Standard Gold or Silver of this Realm, in any Works or Wares whatfoever, both the working, felling, expofing to fale, exchanging or bartering thereof, is fe -

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 verely punifhable, as is afore made manifeft: And it may be faid of the unlawful Money, as of the unlawful Gold and Silver Works, that if the people would (as they may) be fo ingenuous to know and refuef them, the maker of either would foon defift from fuch unlawful employments.Here is the proper place to infert Reynolds hisTables, and Catalogue of Forein Coins; but for fome reafons they are referred to the latter end.

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Here followeth the Charter of the Cutlers o: the City of London, truly rendred into Englifh; the Inrollment owbereof is now remaining of Record in the Chappel of the $\mathbb{R} \cdot \boldsymbol{l l}_{s}$, Confirmed in the Fiftib Year of King James.

JAMES by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, $\in c$. To all men to whom thefe prefents fhall come, Greeting.

Whereas our noble Progenitor, Henry after the Conqueft the Sixth, having information, that by reafon of the loffes and unfortunate cafualties that happened to the men of the Myftery of the Cutlers of the City of London by Sea, they then were not able to live but by the benevolence of well difpored people; whereof he having a Princely confideration, did by his Letters Patents of hisefpecial grace, grant and give licenfe to the forelaid Cutlers of London, that they for ever after thould have one perpetual Commonalty of theinfelves, and that the faid Commonalty fhould choofe, and make Richard Wellon Mafter of the Commonalty and Myftery aforefaid; and Martin Goddard and John Chad Wardens of the afore-

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aforefaid Commonalty and Myftery for one year: and fo every year one Mafter and two Wardens of the men of the forefaid Commonalty and Myflery to furvey and govern the faid Myftery and Commonalty, and all perfons and their works for ever.

And further of his neer grace did grant and give licenfe for him and his Hcirs to the forefaid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty, that they and their Succefors, wafters, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery aforefiaid for the time being, might purchafe Lands, Tenements, and Rents to the value of 20 l per am as by the faid Letters Patents more at large appeareth.

And whereas the faid Letters Patents have been by divers of our Noble Progenitors fince that time allowed and confirmed, as by the feveral confirmations thereof likewife more at targe appeareth.

Now know ye, That we at the humble Petition of the Company of Cutlers of Lonion, and the Suburbs thereof, for the better Rule and Government of the faid Company, and every of them; and for the avoiding of divers deceip:s and abufes ufed in the faid Myftery, to the great damage and lofs of our loving Subjects, of our efpecial grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, have willed, ordained, conftituted and granted ; and by thefe prefents for Us, Our Heirs and Succeffors, do will, ordain, conftitute and declare and grant, that all and fingular the perfons of the Commonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of the City of London and the Suburbs thereof, for ever hereafter are and thall be by virtue of thefe prefents,

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one Body Corporate and Politick in dced and name, by the name of Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myffery of Cutlers of London. And them by the name of Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myitery of Cutlers of London, We do by thefe prefents for Us, Our Heirs and Succeffors, really and fully create, make, ordain, conftiture and declare one body corporate and politick in deed and name.
And that by the fame name of Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of Cutlers of London, they fhall and may have perpetual fucceffion. And that they and their Succefliors by the name of Maffer, War dens, aiid Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutters of London, fhall and may be for ever hercafter perfons able and capable in Law to purchafe, have, reccive, and enjoy, Mannors, MefJuages, Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Priviledyes, 7 ürijdictions, Franchefes, and other Hereditaments whatfoevcr, of whatfoever kind, nature or quality they be to them and their Succeffors; in fee and perpetuity, or for term of life, lives, year or years, or otherwife, in what fort foever. And alfo ali manner of Goods, Chattels, and things whatfocver, of what name, nature or quality foever they be.
And alfo to give, grant, fet, let, alien, affign and difpore of Mainors, Meffuages,Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments; Goods, Chattels, and things whatfoever : And alfo to do and execute all and fingular other Acts and things whatfoever by the name aforefaid.
And that by the fame name of Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myffery of Cutlers of

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London, they fhall and may be able to plead, and be impleaded, to anfwer and be anfwered unto, to defend and be defended in all Courts and places whatfoever, and before whatfoever Judge or Juftices, or other perfons and Officers of Us , Our Heirs or Succeffors, in all and fingular Actions, Plaints, Pleas,Suits,matters and demands of whatfoever kind, nature, or quality they be, in the fame manner and form as any other our Liege Subjects of this our Realm of England, being perfons able and capable in Law, or any other Body Corporate and Politick within this Realm of England, can or may have, purchafe, reccive, poffele, enjoy, retain, give, grant, fet, lett, alien, affign and difpofe, plead and be impleaded, anfwer and be anfwered unto, defend and be defended, do, permit, and execute.

And that they the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of Cutlers of London, for ever hereafter thall and may have a Com . mon Seal to ferve for the caufes and bufineffes of them and their Succefiors; and that it thall be lawful for them and their Succeffors to change, break alter, and to make anew the faid Seal from time to time at their pleafure as they fhall think beft.

And further, We will, and by thefe prefents for Us, Our Heirs and Succeffors, We do grant to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London aforefaid, and their Suc effors, that for ever hereafter there fhall and may be one of the Commonalty and Myftery aforefaid in manner and form hereafter in thefe prefentsmentioned, chofen, and named which

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which fhall be, and be called the Master of the faid Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London.
And that likewife there fhall and may be Two of the faid Commonalty and Myftery in manner and form hereafter in thefe prefents expreffed, chofen, and named, which fhall be, and be called the Wardens of the faid Commonalty of the Myftery of Cutlers of Londo.

And alfo that there fhall and may be Twenty of the Commonalty aforefaid in manner and form hcreafter expreffed, named, and fivorn, which fhall be, and be called the Afiffants of the faid Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London, and from time to time fhall be affifing and aiding to the Mafter and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery aforfaid for the time being in all caufes, matters, and bufineffes touching or concerning the faid Commonalty.

And further We will, and by thefe prefents for us, Our Heirs and Succeffors, do grant unto the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Comeronalty of the Myftefy of the Cutlers of London, and their Succeffors, That it fhall and may be lawful to and for the faid Mafter and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, or to the greater part of them, calling to them the moft part of the Affiftants for the time being, as often as they fhall think it needful or expedient to Affemble, Convocate, and Congregate themfelves together, at, and in their Hall, or any other convenient place within the City of London, or the Suburbs thereof, and there from time to time, and at all convenient times hereafter to entreat, confult,

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confult, determine, conftitute, ordain and rake any Conftitutions, Laws, Ordinances, Statutes, Articles and Orderswhatjoever, which to them, or the greater part of them as is aforefaid, fhall feem reatonable, profitable, or requifite, for touching or concerning thegood Effate, Rule, Order, and Government of the faid Commonalty of the faid Myftery of the faid Cutlers, as to them, according to their wifdom and difcretion hall feem convenient; and in what order and manner the faid $\mathrm{Ma}-$ fter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the faid Myftery, and all other perfon and perfons ufing the faid Myftery within the City of London, and the Suburbs thereof, and within three miles of the fame City fhall demean and behave themfelves, as well in all and fingular matters, caufes, and things touching or concerning the faid Myftery, or any thing therunto appertaining.

As alfo in their feveral Offices, Miniftrics, Functions, and bufineffes touching or concerning the faid Commonalty and Myftery as aforcfaid; and all and fingular fuch Pains, Penalties, Punifhments and Imprifonments of body, or by Fine or Amerciament, or by any of them, againft or upon any Offender or Offenders which fhall tranfgrefs, break, or violate the faid Confitutions, Statutes, Laws, Ordinances or Orders fo to be made, ordained, and eftablifhed, or heretofore made, ordained, and eftablifhed, or any of them to impore, provide, and limit. and the fame, and every part thereot to ask, levy, take and receive by way of diftrefs or otherwife, by any lawful ways or means, of or againft the faid Offender or Offenders, his or their Goods or Chattels, or any of thcm, as

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the caufe fhall require: And as to the Mafter; Wardens, and Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, or the greater part of them in manner as aforefaid fhall feem moft convenient or expédient.
All which Laws, Orders, Ordinances, Constitutions, Institutions and Artucles, fo made or to be made, ordained and eftablifhed, We will and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, do grant and command to be from time to time; and at all times kept, obeyed and performed in all things, as the fäme fught to be, upon the pains, penalties and punifhments in the fame to be impofed, inflicted and limited: So as the fame Laws, Statutes, Artucles and Ordinances, pain:, pexalties, mprijonments, Fines and Amerciaments be reafonable, and not repugnant or contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this our Realm of England, nor the lauduble customs of our City of London.

And for the better executing of this our Grant in that behalf, we have affigned, named, conftituted and made, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succefiors, do affign, create, conftiture and make our well-beloved Subject Thomas Porter, Citizen and Cutler of iondon, to be the prefent Mafter of the faid Cummonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of London, to continue in the fame Office until the Even of the Holy Trinity next following the date hereof, (if the faid Thomas Porter fhallfo long live) and from thence until one other of the faid Commonalty and Myftery fhall be named and chofen unto the Office of Mafter of the faid Commonalty and Myitery,

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in due manner, according to the Ordinances and Provifions hereafter in thefe prefents mentioned and expreffed.

And alfo we have affigned, named, conftituted and made, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succefiors, we do affign, name, conftitute and make our well-beloved Subjects William Bagley and Thomas Chefhre, Citizens and Cutlers of London, to be the prefent Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Liyftery of Cutlers of London, to continue in the faid Offices of Wardens until the faid Even of the Holy Trinity, if the faid William Bagley and Thomas Chefbire fhall fo long live; and from thence until two other of the faid Commonalty and Myftery fhall be chofen into the faid Office of Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of London, according to the Ordinances and Provifions in thefe prefents expreffed and declared.

And we have affigned, named, conftituted and made, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, cio affign, name, conftitute and make our weil-beloved Subjects Richard Haws, Thomas Green, 7 Pobn Gardiner, Thomas Aßber, Oliver Pluncket, al. Plucker. Grorse Ellis, Reynold Green, Cbriflopker Hatfeld, williain Helie, Fobn Beston, Henry Adams, Edward Anárews, Laurence Evans, Fobn Fobnon, Nathaniel Miuthews, Miles Bancks, fabn Porter, and Fames Tackley, Citizens and Cutlers of London, to be the firft and prefent Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myttery of the Cutlers of London, to continue in the faid Office of Affiftants during their natural lives, unlefs they or any one or more of them, fhall for time be removed
mqved for evil Governiment; or mif-behaving of him or themfelves in the faid Office or Offices of Alfiftant or Affiftants, or for fome other reafonable caufe.

And further we will, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, we do grant unto the faid Mafter, Wardens and Commonalty of the Niyitery of the Cutlers of Londor, and their Succeffors, That the Mafter, Wardens, Affiftants and Livery of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, or the greater part of them as aforefaid, from time to time for ever hereafter; thall have full power and authority, yearly and every year upon the Even of the Holy Trinity, to elect and nominate one of the Freemen of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of London, which fhall be Master of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for cine whole year from thence next enfuing, and from thence until one other of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of London, be chofen into the faid Office of Mafter of the faid Commonal $y$ and Myftery, according to the Ordinances and Provifions in thefe prefents expreffed and declared.

And that he which fhall fo be chofen and named into the fame Office of Mafter of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, before he be admitted to execute the faid Office, fhall take bis corporal Oath before the Mafter of the faid Commonalty and Myitery his predeceffor, and the Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, well and truly to execute the faid Office of the Mafter of the faid Commonalty

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and Myftery, in all things concerning the faid Office ; and that after the faid Oath fo as aforefaid to be taken, he thall have and exercife the faid Office for one whole year from thence next enfuing, and from thence until one other be chofen and fworn in form aforefaid, into the faid Office of Mafter of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, in manner and form before in thefe prefents expreffed.

And likewife that they may elect, nominate and chufe two other of the Freemen of the faid Commonalty and Myitery of the Cutlers of London, which fhall be Wardens for one whole year from thence next enfuing, and from thence until two other of the fame Commonalty and Myftery be chofen and Jworn unto the faid Office of Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, according to the Ordinances and Provifions in thefe prefents expreffed and declared.

And that they which fhall be fo chofen and named into the faid Office of Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of London, before they be admitted to execute the faid Offices, fhall take their corporal Oaths before the laft Mafter and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, their laft predeceffors, well and truly to execute the faid Office of Wardens, in all things touching and concerning the faid Offices: And that after fuch Oaths oo as aforefaid to be taken, they thall and may exercife the faid Offices for one whole year from thence next enfuing, and from thence until two other be chofen and fiworn in form aforefaid into the faid Offices of Wardens of the faid Commonalty

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and Myftery, in manner and form before in there prefents expreffed and declared.

And further we will, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, do grant to the faid Mafter, Wardens and Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London, and their Succeffors, That if it happen the Mafter and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, or any of them, to dir, or otherwife for any reafonable caufe to be removed or difmiffed from his, their, or any of their Office or Offices of Mafter and Warden aforefaid, or any of them, within the $y$ ear wherein they or any of them fhall be fo elected and chofen as is aforefaid; That then and fo often it fhall be lawful. to and for fuch and fo many of the faid Mafter, Wardens, Affiftants and Livery, which thall be then living or remaining, or the greater part of them, at their pleafure to choofe, make and $f_{\text {wecar }}$ one other of the faid Commonalty and Myftery to be Mafter, Warden or Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, according to the Ordinances and Provifions before in thefe prefents expreffed and declared; to execute and exercife the faid Office of Mafter, or the faid Offices of Warden or Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, until the faid Even of the Holy Trinity then next following, firft taking their corporal Oaths in form as is aforefaid, and fo often as the cafe fhall require.

And further, we will, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors we do grant to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of Cuilers of London, and their Succeffors,

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that whenfoever it happeneth, any of the faid Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being to die or be removed from his or their Office or Offices: All which Affiftants, and every or any of them we will thall be remavable, and to be removed by the faid Naiter and Wardens, and Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, or the greater part of them in manner as aforefaid, for evil Government, Mif-behaviour, or for any other reafonable caufe, that then, and fo often it thall and may be lawful to and for the faid Mafter, Wardens, and fo many of affiftants which fhall then furvive or remain. or the greater part of them in manner as aforefaid, at their will and pleafure, from time to time to choofe and name one other or more of the faid Commonalty to be Affiftant or Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myttery in his or their place and ftead which fhall fo happen to die or be removed, as is aforefaid.

And that he and they which thall be fo chofen and named to be Affiftant or Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery as aforefaid, before that he or they, or any of them be admitted to his or their execution of the faid Office or Offices of Affiftant or Affiftants thall take their Corporal Oaths before the Mafter and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, well and truly to execute the faid Office or Offi$c \in s$, and fo as often as the cafe thall require.

And further, we will, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeflors, do grant to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London and their Succeffors,
ceffors, fpecial Licenfe, and free and law ful power and authority to bave, receive, and purchafe to them and their Succeffors for ever, as well of us, our Heirs and Succelfors, as of any the Sabjeet or Subjects of us, our Heirs or Succeifors whatfoever, Mannors, Meffuages, Lands, Tenement;, ReCtories, Titbes, Rents, Revenues, and other poffiffions and Hereditaments what foever, which are not held of us, our Heirs or succeffors immediately in chief, nor by Knights Service : So that all the fa:d Mannors, Mefluages, Lands, Tenements and other Hereditaments whatfoever, fo by them to be had, perceived, or purchafed by virtue of thefe prefents, do not exceed in the whole to clear the yearly value of one bundred Marks, the Statute of Lands and Tenements, not to be put into Mortmaine, or any other Statute; Act, Ordinance, Provifion or Reftraint, or any other thing, caufe, or matter whatfoever to the contrary in any wife notwithftanding.

And alfo we grant, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, do give free, full, and lawful licenfe, power, and authority to any the Subject or Subjects of us, our Heirs, or Succeffors whatfoever, and every of them, that they and every or any of them fhall and may be able to give, grant, affign, or by any other lawful ways or means whatfoever, alien, devife, or affign, to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London, and their Succeffors, any Mannors, Meffuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tythes, Rents, Reverfions, Services, and other Hereditaments whatfoever, which are not held of us, our Heirs or Suc-

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ceffors immediately in chief, nor by Knights Service: So that the fame Mannors, Meffuages, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditdments whatfoever, fo as aforefaid to be given, granted, fold, aliened or devifed, do not exceed in the whole the clear value of one bundred Marks by the year: The Statutcs of $L$ ands and Tenements not to be put in Mortmaine, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provifion or Reftrain, or any other caufe, matter, or thing whatfoever to the contrary thereof in any wife not withftanding.

And further, we will, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succefliors, do grant to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London, and their Succeffors, that they and their Succeffors fhall and may have one horest and difcreet perifon in manner and form hereafter in thefe prefents to be chofen and named which fhall be, and be called the Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of Cutlers of Liondan.

And we have affigned, conflituted, made, named and ordained; and by thefe prefents, for us and our Heirs and Succeffors, do affign, conftitute, make, name and ordain our well-beloved Súbject Thoman Jadwyn to be the first and prefent Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of Cutlers of London, to continue in the faid Office during the term of his natural life, except he fhall be removed by the Mafter, Wardens, and Affiftants for the time being, or the greater part of them for evil Government, or for any other reafonable caufe, and that from time to time, and at all times after the death or removing of the
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faid Thomas Zadwyn, the Mafter, Wardens, and Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, or the greater part of them, fhall and may choofe and make one other difcreet perfon to be Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Myftery; and that the faid Clerk now named, as alfo he which thall be chofen and made to be Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Myftery after the death or removing of the faid Thomas fadwyn, as is aforefaid, fhall and may exercife and enjoy the faid Office of Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Myftery during the good will and pleafure of the Mafter, Wardens, and Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, or the greater part of them in manner as aforefaid.

And that every one of the faid Clerks fo named, or to be named and appointed from time to time as aforefaid thall take his or their Corporal Oath or Oaths before the Mafter, Wardens, and Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, or the greater part of them, well and truly to execute the Office of Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Myftery in all things appertaining to the faid Office, according to his skill and knowledge ; and fo from time to time as often as the cafe fhall require.

And further, of our more fecial grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, we have granted and confirmed, and by thefe prefents, for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, we do ratifie and confirm unto the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of the CutLers of London, and their Succeffors, and all man-

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ner Liberties, Franchifes, Immunities, Exemptions, Jurifdictions, Meffuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments whatfoever, which the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty, or any of their Predeceflors, by what name or names foever, or by virtue of what Incorporation foever, now have, hold, ufe and enjoy, or heretofore have had, held, ufed or enjoyed by reafon or force of any of the Charters or Letters Fatents of any of our Progentors or Predecefiors, Kings or Queens of England, by any manner of means heretofore made or granted, or by any other means, right, title, ufe, cuftom or preicription heretofore had, ufed or accuftomed, altiongh the fame, or any of them heretofore bave not been ufed, or bave been abufed, evil ufed or difcontinued; and although the fame or any of them bave been forfeited or loft.

To have and to hold the fame Meffuages, Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchifes, Jurifdictions, and other the Premiffes before by thefe prefents granted unto the faid Maiter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Cutlers of London, and their Succeffors, for ever to be held of us, our Heirs and Succeffors, by fuch, the fame and the like Rents, Services, and fums of money, as the fame were formerly holden, and not otherwife: Wherefore we will, and by theere prefents do ftraitly charge and command for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, that the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of Cutlers of London and their Succeffors, fhall and may have, hold, and enjoy for ever, all the faid Mefluages, Lands,

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Lands, Tenements, Lbberties, Authorities, Jurifdictions and Franchifes aforefaid, according to the tenor and effect of thefe our Letters Patents, without the lett or hinderance of us, our Heirs or Succeffors, or of any Juftices, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, or other Officers or Minifters of us, our Heirs or Succeffors whatfoever; willing that neither the faid Mafter, Wardens, or Commonalty, nor any of them, by reafon of the Premifies, or any of them, by us, our Heirs or Succeffors, the Juftices, Sheriffs, Efcheators, or other Bailiff or Minifters of us, our Heirs or Succeffors whatfoever, be thereof hindered, molefted, vexed, grieved, or in any wife troubled; willing, and by thefe prefents, charging and commanding as well our Treafurer, Chancellor, and Barons of our Exchequer at Weftminfter, and other the Judges and Juftices of us, our Heirs and Succeffors; as alfo our Attorney or Solicitor General for the time being, and every of them, and all other our Officers and Minifters whatfoever; that neither they, nor any of them do profecute, or continue, or caufe to be profecuted or continued any Writ or Summons of (quo Warranto) or any other Writ, Writs, or Procefs whatfoever, againft the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty, or any of them, for any Caufe, Thing, Matter, Offence, Claim or ufurpation, or any of them, by them, or any of them, claimed, attempted, ufed, had or ufurped bcfore the making of thefe prefents; willing alro, that the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty; or any of them, by any of the Juftices, Officers, or Minitters aforefaid, in or for the due ufe,claim, or abufe of any Liberties, Franchifes or Jurifdi-

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ctions within the faid City of London or Suburbs thereof, before the making of thefe prefents, be not molefted, troubled, or hindered, or compelled to anfwer to them, or any of them.

And further, we will, and by there prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, for the better order, rule, and government of all and fingular perfon and perfons which now do ufe, or hereaftey fhall ufe the Myftery, Art, or Trade of Cutlers within the faid City of London, or Suburbs thereof; and within three miles of the faid City we do give and grant to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Commonalty and Myftery of Cutlers. of London, and their Succeffors, that the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being for ever hereafter Ball bave the overfight, view, fearcb, correction and government of all and fingular perfons what oever occupying, exercijing, or ujing the (asd Myftery, Art or Trade of Cutlers with in the faid City of London, and Suburbs thereof, and within three miles of the faid City, as well within places exempt as not exempt; and fhall have power and authority by virtue of thefe prefents, according to the Laws of the Realm to punith and correct, or caure to be punifhed and corrected offendors for their Offences, Deceits, Falfhoods, Abufes, or Mifdemeanors in the falfe, infufficient and deceitful occupation or ufe of the Myftery, Art, or Trade of Cutlers aforefaid, according to their demerits in that behalf.

Wherefore we will, and by thefe prefents, for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, do ftraitly charge and command all and fingular Mayors, 7 ufices, Sberiffs

Sberiffs; Conftables, and all other the Officers, Ministers, and Subjects of us, our Heirs and Succef: fors whatfoever, that they and every of them be aiding, belping, afifting, and comforting, to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Affiftants of the Commonalty and Myftery of Cutlers of London aforefaid for the time being, and every of them, to do, enjoy; have, and execuse all and fingular thing and things whatfoever by us before by thefe prefents granted unto the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty aforefaid; and every or any part or parcel thereof, according to the tenor and true meaning of thefe prefents, although exprefs mention of the true yearly value or certainty of the Premiffes, or any of them, or of any other gifts or grants by us or any of our Progenitors or Prcdeceffors to the aforefaid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty heretofore made in thefe prefents is not made, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provifion, Proclamation or Reftraint to the contrary hereof had, made, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, caufe or matter whatfoever in any wife notwithftanding.

In witnefs whereof, we have caufed thefe our Letters to be made Patents. Witnefs our Self at $W^{\prime}$ eftimffer the 8th. day of $7 u l y$, in the fifth year of our Reign, of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the Fortieth.

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Thus I have given you a ruide account of the Cutlers Charter of Incorporation, wherein is given them great Power and Authority in the affairs of that Myftery: And for their further encouragement, divers Acts of Parliament have been made (and are now in force) for prohibiting the Importation of feveral Works (belonging to the fame Trade) wrought in Foreign parts; as Stat. 3 Edw. 4. 4. and Stat. I Ricij 3. r2. and Stat. s Eliz. 7. and part of Stat. 14 Car. 2. II: all which İ will here cite verbatim, (viz.)

Stat. 3 Edw. 4. cap. 4 .

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 man, $\mathfrak{a z}$ ann octicr perfon oz perfont witgin the fame ifealm of England of Wales, $\mathfrak{o z}_{2}$ whicitat anp time fhall he octupien bp anp of the faid $\mathfrak{C r a f t s}$ of $\mathfrak{m p f t r i f g}$, in whofe Gandx focucr they map be fouma.
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> Stat. I Rich, 3. cap. I2.

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Stat. 5 Eliz. cap. 7.

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> Stat. I4 Car. 2. cap. In. the branches thereaf to our purpofe are verbation thus.

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## At the Court at Whitehal!, func 6. 1673. Prefent,

The Kings moft Excellent Majefty.

His Royal Highnefs the Duke oí rork.
Lord Chanceilor.
Lord Treafurer.
Lord Privy Seal.
Duke of Lauderdale.
Duke of Ormond. Earl of Ogle.
Lord Chamberlain.
Earl of Bridgewater.
Earl of Bathe.
Earl of Carlife. Earl of Craven. Earl of Arlington.

Earl of Carbery.
Vicount Hallifax.
Lord Maynard.
Lord Newport.
Lord Eerkley.
Lord Holles.
Mr. Secretary Coventry. Mr. Chancelter of the Exchequer.
Mr. Cha cellor of the Dutchy.
Mr. of the Ordinance. Sir Tho. Ofborne.

## mafter Speaker:

WHereas by the late Addrefs of both Houfes of Parliament, his Majefty was humbly defired by his own example to encourage the conftant wearing of the Manufactures of his own Kingdoms and Dominions, and to difcountenance fuch perfons, Men or Women in his Majefties Court, as fhould wear any Manufactures made in Forein Countries: and that purfuant hereunto his Majefty had gracioufly declared, that he would not only do it by his own example, but would difcountenance all other perfons that fhould wear Foreign Manufaclures: and that his Majefty

Majefty had given order to the Lord Treafurer to direct the Commiffio ers of the Cuftoms, to caufe all goods of Forein Manufacture prohibited byLaw to be feized, at what Port, or on whofe account focver they fhall be imporred into this Kingdom; and that his Lordfhip fhall graut no Warrant for the relcafe of them. And whereas tipon the Petition of the Silk-Weavers of London, prefented to his Malefty in Council, fetting forth that they have attained to great skill in contriving and making of Silks and Stuffs figured and plain, and that if due encouragement were given to them, and to feveral other manual Trad.s by prohibiting the Importation of Forein Manuatitures, they fhould increafe and flourifh; his Majefty was pleafed to declare, and accordingly then gave order to the Mafter of his Robes, that he thould not prepare for his Majefties s.fe in his wearing Apparel, any kind of Silks or Stuffs wrought out of his own Dominions, nor any Ribbands, Gloves, Hats, or other things, for his wearing, which were manufactured beyond the Seas, unlefs as hereafter excepted: And likewife that the Lord Chamberlain of his Majefties Houfhold fhould take care and give due order that no perfon or perfons fhould prefiume to come into his Majefties prefence, wearing any of the things aforefaid being of Forein Manufacture, nor any other whatever, unlefs as followeth; namely, the Lace commonly called Point de Venice, which may be worn by any until the firt day of May next, and no longer; as alfo Linen and Callicoes, and fuch other wearing things, as by our ownTrade are imported from the Eaff. Indics.

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To the end therefore that thefe his Majefties Command and Orders may be publickly taken notice of, and the more exactly obeyed, it is this day further ordered by his Majefty in Council, that the Right Honorable the Lord Treafurer do renew his Orders to the Commiffioners of the Cuftoms, that they direct the feizure and confifcation of all manner of Forein wsaring Ma: Ctures that are prohibited by Law, and to caute his Majefties part there of to be publickly burnt, that fo the Petitioners, his Majefties Suhiots, may find all due cncouragement and advantage in the profecution of their feveral Trades and Callings: And that this Order is to be Pinted and affixed in all the Ports and Cuftom-houles of England.

Robert Southwell.
Notwithftanding all which provifions made by authority(by reafon of fome defcts thercin)there hath been, and now are manifold abufcs and difcouragement in this Myftery of Cutlery, that the fame is much decayed, and like to be utterly loft; and thereby not only great numbers of his Majefties Subjects deprived of fo excellent and exceeding neceffary way of employment, but the fafety of this Kingdom much obftructed, unlefs timely care be taken for procuring remedy therein.

To which purpore I humbly offer to the confideration of thofe in Authority, whether a Law may be made to this effect, (viz.)

Firft, That all and every perfon what foever now infing or exercifing, or that fball bereafter ufe or
exervifetbe Trade or Myffery of Cutlers within the City of London, and three miles compals of the fame City, baving been bound before the Mafter or Wardens of any Corporation, \&c, in the City of London, and Jervea' Apprenti乃bips thereto the |face of feven years at the leaft, to be admutted and enjoyned wit hin one month after their ufing. or exercijing the Said Trade or Myftery, to take the freedom of the City of London, and to enter bim or themselves into the Corporation of Cutlers of the faud City in the fame maincr, and upoin the fame conditions, as before is mentoned in the like cafe of the Goldfmuths of London.

Secondly, That the Statutes for probibiting the Forein wrougbt Manufactures, be (upplied with this furtber Authority, (viz.) that at the feizing any fuch probibited Works or Wares, the fame to be appraijed, and only the value thereof (confidering the fame as Wares laupful) to be forfeit to the King, and the Seizer ; and the Works or Wares to be utterly defaced, broken, and fpoiled, to prevent their being ufed amongft us.

Thirdly, That it be now enacted to probibit Forein wrougbt blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, and Cimiters, efter a certain space of time, as at the end of feven years or more, under the like penalties as other probibited works of the faid Myffery.

And that in the mean time no Sword-blades, Ra-pier-blades,Hanger-Blades,nor Cimiter-blades, be expofed to fale, Jold, exchanged, nor bartercd in any place in London, or three mailes compaf sof the fame City, by any Trader therein, unlefs thofe Blades be firft brought to Cutlers-Hall in London, and there Afayed, by the Mafter and Wardens of that Myftery

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or their Deputy or either of them, which if good to be by them or either of them marked with a mark (allowed them for that purpofe) and all defective and unferviceable blades (fo brougbt) to break and poil, and all to be done and returned to the owners in convenient time, upona futable penalty for every fuch blade expofed to fale, fold, exchanged, or bartered, not tried and marked as aforefaid.

Fourthly, That no manner of Forelgrivrought blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, or Cimiters be expofed to Sale, Sold, exchanged, or bartered, in any place (out of the SaidCity, and three miles compafs) within this Realm, by any Traders therein, unlefs thofe Blades be firft Affayed by the Mafter and Wardens of the Cutlers and their Deputy, or either of them, in every City, Burrough, and Town (where any Cutlers be dwelling) at a certain place and time to be appointed in eaeb City, Burrough and Town; and if good, to be by them, or either of them. marked with their Mark allowed as aforefaid: And äll defcctive and unferviceable blades to break and Jpoil upon a suitable penalty for every fuchblade expofed to fale, fold, exchanged or bartered, not tryed and raarked as aforefaid.

Fifthly, Tisat after the fet timo for trying and marking all Forein-wrought Blades aforefaid already imported, no Forein-wrought Blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, or Cimiters, to be imported dusring the time limited (for importing the fame) bust only at the City of London, and be brought to Cut-lers-Hall to be Affayed and Marked as aforefaid.

Sixtbly, That there be a convenient charge implfed upon all Forein-wrought Blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers and Gimiters that are already im-
ported, and that ball be benceforward imported; tried, and Marked as aforefaid, during the time limited for Importing the fame. Whach charge to be taken and received by the faid Mafter and Wardens, or one of them, to the ufe of that Corporation; and to be by them fet apart for raijung a Stock for the fetting up the Manufacture of makrug the Blades aforefaid in this King dom, and to no other ufe whatfoever: and the government and regulating that $\mathrm{Ma}-$ nufacture to be by the faid Corporation of Cutlers, andnone otber.

Seventhly, That the Mafter, and Wardens of the Company of Cutlers, or either of them, be impopered to have the view, fearch, Tryal, and Regulation of all works of or belonging to their Rlyftery, in all and every place throughowi England, amongst all perfonswhat oever, making, felling, expofng to fale, exchanging or bartering the fame; and to mark the goodWares, and feize, brake, and ffoil all unlawful, falle or infufficient Works or Wares belonging to their Trade or Mystery, and to impofe fuch Fine or Fines as may be convenient upon the Offeriders.

Eighthly, That all perfons not opening all places in the Shops, and Work-houfes, and Ware-boufes, or not giving free liberty of Sears $b$, and to execute the Authority of the Mafter and Wardens of the Cutlers? to pay 51. for every Juch offence, half to the King, and balf to the Corporation.

Ninthly, That the Mafter and Wardens of the Cutlers, and their Deputy be required to take an Oath at the entrance into their Offices, for their true and faithful executing the fame, to the beff of their skill and knowledge, So long as they continue therein, not to ßare any perfon for favour nor affection, nor grieve any for batred or malice. Tenth-

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Tentbly, That no perfon or perfons whatfoever naty bereafter make, fell, expofe to fale, exchange or barter within this Realm, any Hilt, Pommel, or otber Work made of Brafs or Copper belonging to a Sword, Rapier, Hanger, or Cimiter, upon a futable penalty; and all fach Works to be broke and utterly defaced.

Eleventhly. That the cownterfeiting, or the caufing to be counterfeited the lawful Mark or Marks of any Corporation of any Manual Trade or My/tery, or the lawful Mark or Marks of any Mafter-worker of any Manual Trade or Myftery within this Realm, by any ways or means what foever; on any the proper works of the Trade of Juch perfon or Corporation in bofe Mark or Marks are counterfeited, to be punifbed with the Pillory, and a fine, according to the merit of the offence.

> Some Reafons bumbly offered for the aforefaid Propofals, (viz.)

For the firt; That thofe perfons exercifingthe Myftery of Cutlers in and about London, are very few of them Members of that Corporation whereby it frequently happens, that the principal Officers therein have little or no skill to perform the duty of thufe places, and by confequence be fuppofed very little, or not at all, to correct and prevent the abufes in the works of that Myftery : and the perfons exercifing that Myftery, and being no Free-men or Members of that Corporation, are not under the Government thereof, and therefore will refufe to obey thofe wholefome Laws and Ordinance; as the Corporation fhall
find neceffary to make for the better regulating and government of their Trade.

For the fecond, That notwithftanding feveral works of the Myftery of Cutlery Forein wrought are prohibited; yet by reafon the Seizers are not authorized and enjoyned not only to feize, but alfo to deface and utterly deftroy the fame; thofe works are as frequently imported; ford, and bartered amongft us as ever. For inftance,

Suppofe twenty dozen of Forein wrought Hilts be feized according to the Statute s Eliz. 7. one half thereof is forfeit to the King, and the other half to the Seizer; and when condemned, what will be done with them ? they will and muft be fold amongit the Cutlers to pay the King and the Seizer, and fo will pafs under the name of feized and condemned Goods, and by that means are and will be fecured from being queftioned any more in like manner by any perfon whatfoever. Now here is that which marrs all; for under the name of thofe twenty dozen of feized and condemned Hilts will a hundred dozen or more of Forein wrought Hilts be brought in by ftealth; and fold amongft us, which all the care and cunning imaginable (as our Laws are) cannot prevent: And thus it is with moft other prohibited Manufactures, but the totally breaking and fpoiling the fame, as aforefaid, would perfectly cure this mifchief.

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1. The Kingdom will then be furniffed with weapons fecurely good and ferviceable: And,

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2. It will furely be granted that the Corporation of Cutlers will be the moft proper judges of all Wares belonging to their Myftery, and the King and Kingdom may with confidence rely upon the judgment and integrity of that Corporation, who for their own honour, and good of their Company, will certainly fee the Kingdom well ferved : and upon any mifcarriage the King, or any perfon will know where to complain, or have any account of what they defire-
3. It is notorioufly known, that for want of this power (of fearching, trying, and marking the works) occafions great mifchiefs and deceits in the Kingdom, as well by our own Artifts, as from abroad, by making and vending falfe wares, and fuch as upon tryal, are not fit for ufe and fervice. 4. This liberty increares the number of bad Workmen, which are but burthenfome and inconwenient, and deftroys good ones, who are compell'd, either to afford or fell their good works at the fame price as bad, or elfe make as bad as others, or have no Trade: and unler's a penalty be impofed for refufing to open all places in the Shops, Work-houfes, Ware-houfes, and other places where the works of the Curters Trade are kept, the authority of fearching, and the labour and endeavours of the Mafter and Wardens will be in vain; for it is the natural inclination and ftudy of the Makers and fellers of fatie works, not only to get knowledge of the time in which the fearchers will come, but alfo keep and conceal their falfe works in private placcs under lock and key: and the authority of impofing a penalty of 54 in this cafe may beconceived the more
reafonable, it being given to the feveral Corporations of Girdlers, Sadlers, ( ordwainers, and Curriers by the Statute 1 fac.21. and by long experience thereof, found very wholefome, and of fo excellent ufe, that it continues ftill in force.

For the fixth, That the fetting up and encouraging the Manufacture of Sword-Blades, © © c. in Engiand as aforefaid, would remedy and prevent thefe inconveniencies following, (viz.)

1. That we are neceffitated to have them from abroad at fuch prices as they upon confideration of our neceffities or their own fock) will put upon them.
2. That we are compelld to take any Wares of this kind, though never fo defective.
3. That our own people want employment, and fo become chargeable to the Kingdom, when otherwife they might live well.
4. It appears that when this Manufacture was begun here, and likely to be encouraged, the Merchants from beyond Sea brought in great quantities of untried blades at lower prices than ordinary, which was partly the deftruction of the work here.
5. It appears that by reafon we have not the Manufacture here, nor any Officers to try and approve what is imported, (as in other parts beyond the Seas they have) that the worlt and moft defective Blades of Swords, Rapiers, ơc. are brought hither.
6. That a good foundation and due encouragement hath not hitherto been made for the fetting up this Manufacture; when 'tis well known, the Artifts of this Kingdom did formerly make, and

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would be now (with little experience) in the fame capacity to make as good and ferviceable of there forts, as auy be in the world ; efpecially here being all conveniencies to thar purpofe, as good as any in torein parts: Then how are we overfeen to be thus remils, and fo freely to leave the benefit of working the grear quantities we ufe, to te wholly polleit by Strangers abroad. And befides that lols, may it not be fuppofed that we may be in War with all our neighbour Nations; or at leaft Zollingen (the place where they are now chicfly made, may be in our enemies hands, and we (not in condition to fupply this Kingdom by the Artifts within $u_{i}$ ) for want of thefe weapons, be brought to great extremity.

> That Forein wrowght Sword, Rapier, Hanjer, and Cimuter-Blades are not probibited by the Starnte 5 Eliz. 7. aforesited, take chefe Reafons, (viz.)
r. That no particular mention is made of them in that Statute, and in all penal Statutes, the Letrer is frictly to be regarded.
2. That:Dagger-Blades are thercin particularly prohibited, they being then frequently made in England, but not the other Blades; therefore thofe not prohibited.
3. That Sword, Rapier, Hanger, or CimiterBlades are not comprehended, and. fo not prohibited under that rame of Rapiers: for the general term of Rapuers is mentioned, for that, Hitts, Yommels $\mathrm{c}_{2}$ © c are particularly prohibited, they being execillently: weil made: amongit, is.; and thofe
par- and are calied by the general names of Swords, Rapiers, ©ic. So that Rapocrs are not mentioned for the intent of prohibiting sword, Rapier, Hanger, Cimiter-Blades, but to elfedualiy prohibit Hilts, Pommels, Lockete, Chepes, ©.c. and are therefore mentioned both by their fartici lar and general terms.
4. That if the makers of that Statute had intended that the general term of Rapiers fhould comprehe nd all the particular parts of that weapon, this furely they would not have mentioned the Hiles, Pommels, Lockets, Chepes, ecc. they being particular pars thercof, as well as the Blades.
5. That the particulars are not comprehended nor prohibited under the general terms of any Wares, take this infance in Statute 14 Car.. 2. gap., 13. which forbids the bringing into this Realm any Bone-lace, Cut-work, Imbraideries; Fringe, Band ftrings, Butions or Neediework, made of Thred or Silk, or either of them, in parts beyond the Seas: Now obferve, the gens. ral terms are Bone-lace, 家c. they may noi be imported, but Thred, and Silk, and the reft of the particulars, of which Bone-lace, erc. aremade, may (and its very well known to) be freely Imported. Thus all Forein wrought Swords, Rapiers, erc. are prohibited under the general term of Rapiers; and all Forein wrought Bone-lace, ơc. under the general term of Bone-lace, Ora , 中ut Forein wrought, Sword, Rapier, Hanger, and Cimiter Blades, although pofitive Works of the CutP 3

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lersTrade, and the particular parts of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, and Cimiters, they being not particularly mentioned, are not prohibited; fo Thred, Silk, ©̌c. although they are pofitive works of the Trades they relare unto, and the material particulars of Bone-lace, e̛c. yet not being particularly mentioned, are not prohibited, but may, and are frequently brought in and fold amongft us, and not in the leaft interrupted as Forein wrought prohibited Wares.

Further to the fixth, touching the charge xpon Forein wrought and Imported Blades.

1. The Corporation have not fock to perform that work, it being a great undertaking, will require a great and continued fum which muft be mannaged fo as to anfwer $10 l$. per cent. per ann. (befides the charge of the Work) to bear the lofs in baddebts, and other cafualties incident to all Trading.
2. A fmall impofition on the particulars may inthe whole amount to a confiderable fum ; upot the fecurity of which, and the credit of the Corporation, may be raifed a fufficient ftock to immediately fet up the work.
That it is undeniably beft and fitteft, and will be the more profferous to be mannaged by the Corporation, for thefe reafons.
Firft, For that they being sk'ful in the affair, will know how to direct the mannagement thereof to the beft advantage, and with leaft charge,
and will not be fubject to be deceived by their Work-men, or fuch as fhall be intrufted'by them to mannage or over-fee it.
3. It will not be fubject to fallinto the hands of Executors (whichotherwife it will be if it come into private hands, which was the deffruction of this work at Hounlow ;), but by being in the Corporation, it will have a continued fubfiftance, and be fupported.

It may be obferved, that in all Manufacture of this kind, the Englifh have exceeded other Nations: as for inflance, in that of the KnifeBlades and Razors which heretofore were brought from beyond Sea; and now there are none made fo good in any parts of the world as here; and we are able to furnifh all parts: only it may be thus far farther obferved, that the want of power to view and approve as aforefaid, hath been, and is, occafion of fome of our own Workmen to take the liberty of making deceitfuly Wares, and by that means do bring fome difcredit uponour Manufactures, which by the propofals will beprevented.

To the minth, The fecret tie and obligation of an Oath, upon thofe Officers, is the only way to reffrain thofe fecret faults which our Laws cannot take cogmifance of.

To the tenth, The making and vending Brars Hilts is not only againft the intent of our Lawdy but a great injury and difcouragement to the Artifts of this Myftery, by reafon thofe Waxes (which are brittie and unferviceable) are ffequently fodd inftead of the good and ferviceable work, and thereby the employment of the ArP 4 tifts

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tifts of good works much impaired, ard tums our mot ingenious manufacture into a cheat upon the Kingdom.

For the Eleventh, The counterfeiting the Marks is (in Manual Trades) of the moit evil confequence imagiabie; for it prevents the difcovering the makers of falie, infufficient, and unlawfil works; and deftroys the fecurity; and prevents the knowiledge of good works, thereby difcourageth the honizt and curious Artifts, by falle, ill made, infufficient, and unlawful works paffing under his name, and for wis making and by fuch means (infome cales) nay pring them in danger of the filiory; and by feveral other circumftances of being undone and many more evils do attend this wicked action, therefore cannot be too feverely punifhed.

Ta concludes, The Trade and Myfiery of the Cutlers being of great concern to this Nation, not only for the fatety theregs, bat fur the employment of great number of peophe, therefore ought to have a futainle efteem and cincouragement amongt us. Other Corporations (of leis moment are efiemed, and by concumence of the Members in particular, and the people ingenexal) are fo regulated and cncsuraged; that the. Members theren become wealchy and honorabie.

But where be any of the Curlcts. Tiade that makeany confiderable proficiency in the Etates in comparifon of other Tradefinen? what is it that makes a Trade flourih, but the profit thereof? What Ihaye propofed and defigned, is but for a reafonable advantare ; which confidered, caia any perfon fcruple their affitance for obtaining

## cutlers cuares.

for this Corporation an encouraging authority, and to give their Members competent rates for their works.

The Sword is the princrial weapon of War, and the Sword in the Kings hand is the emblem of his Authority, Rom. 13. 3. although by other inftruments more men are kild, yet all are faid to be flain with the S: word.

If thofe Trades that concern the attiring our bodics, and furniture of our houfes, and other materials of delight, have fo grat incouragement, thall the makers and traders in that eminent Manu acture the Sword, the principal inftrument (of War) fur keeping all in fafety, be flighted; defpifed, and reduced to a contemptable condition?

Carhe be accounted a true Englifh-man, that inftead of making or being advantage to his own Nation and Countrymen by buying and ufing their works, and encouraging the Artifts thereof, will undefervedly flight, defpife, contemn, and undervalue them and their works, and buy all, or moft part of Aliens, both at home and abroad, whofe works do not in the leaft exceed the works of our Natives?

Tis only fancy that makes the difference, but let it not be faid of Englifh-men that their fancies are fo mif-guided as to efteem Foreign works better than they are, or to think Englifh works to be Forein, when prefented to them by Foreíners händs.

But rather have fo good opinion of our Natives as to puta true efteem on Englifh works in Englifh hands; efpecially thote of the Cutlers:

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 shey being no whit (as I faid before) inferior to any Cutlers works in the world: and much better would they be if due encouragement were prowided. And afluredly if the efteem of thofe works be according to their goodnefs and greatnefs of ufe, this Myftery and Corporation cannot want (if endeavoured for) any Authority that may be truly called neceffary.Then will the Members of this: Myftery and Corporation ftudy, and fpend their time in concriving and making curious and ferviceable works, and find out ways to employ many that are in want, and idle about, and run into many evil practifes.

Now to you of the Corporation and Myftery, I fay, roufe up your fpirits, and give a futable active purfuit and attendance for attaining thefe things; you mult expect to take pains before profit comes: and if fome rubs and difficulties happen, you may remember, that many do attend the purfuit of the moft valuable and profitable atchievements: Remember the chief inftrument of your Trade, dhe Sword; it is the inftrument of Victory and Conqueft : then be your actions in thefe concerns of like merit; in being victorious. conquerors of all difficulties that happen in your purfuit of all lawful and reafonable things that may in probability make your Mytery and Corporation iucreafe in.Riches and Honour.

## HERE FOLLOWETH A

Brief and Eafie way B Y
TABLES,
To calt up

To the Standard of XI. Ounces ij. Peny-weight.


To the Standard of XYir. Carracts.
W I T H

Queftions wrought by the Golden-Rule: Alfo by Decimal Tables.

Calculatedby JOHN REYNOLDS, Of the Mint in the Tower of London.

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## Of L. Carracts obferve.

24 Carracts, is 12 Ounces Troy. I Carract, is divided into -_ 4 Grains, 1 Carract Grain, is $\mathbf{2}$ Penny weight, $\mathbf{1 2}$ Grains Troy. One half of a $\}$ is $\{$ I Penny weight, 6 Grains Carract Grain, $\}$ is $\{$ Troy.
I quarter of a Carract Grain, is - 15 Grains Troy.

## Of OZ. Caracts obferve.

24 Carracts, is $\qquad$ 1 Ounce Troy. I Carract, is divided into _-_ 4 Grains. 1 Carratt Grain, is $\quad$ Grains Troy. Half a Carrait Grain, is 2 Grains and a half Troy. $\left.\begin{array}{l}\left.\text { One }{ }_{\mathbf{e}} \text { quarter of }\right\} \text { is }\{1 \text { Grain, and a quarter Troy. } \\ \text { a Carract Grain, }\end{array}\right\}$

12 Ounces,_._ is a Pound-weight, Troy. 20 Penny-weight, ___ is one Ounce.
 20 Mites,___ is a Grain.
 20 Periots,___ is a Droit.



A Penny weight. At the Ounce.


APenny half-penny weight. At the Ounce.





Tbrec-penny woeight and a balf. At the Ounce.


Four-penny weight. At the Ounce.


Furr-penny weigly and abalf: At the Ounce.


Five-penny poeight. At the Ounce.

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Seven-penny weeight and a balf.' At the Ounce


Eight-penny weight. At the Ounce.


Eight-penny weight and a balf. At the Ounce.


Nine-penny weight. At the Ounce.



Ten-penny weight. At the Ounce.

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Twelve-penny weight and a balf. "At tbe Ounce


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Fowteen-penny weight and a balf. At the Ounce.



Sixteen-penny weight. At the Ounce.



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Eighteen-penny weight and a half. At the Ounce.


Nineteen-penny weight. At the Ounce.


Nineteen-penny woright and a balf. At the Ounce


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## Six Ounces.


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At the Ounce.

Eight Ounces. At the Ounce:


Ten Ounces:
At the Ounce.


Eleven Ounces. At the Ounce.


## The Ordinary way.

Four Ingots of Silver.
D. wot.

Better, $16: \frac{1}{2}$ Num. I. - 40, 6, 10, 02 . Worfe, II, ${ }_{2}^{2}$ Num. 2.- 37, 7, 5, 00. Worfe, 15. Num. 3.- 36, .9, 10, 00. Better, Io. Num. 4.——38, iI, 00, co. - 153.10. 5. 00.

Oz. D.wt. Gra. Mit. Betternefs of Num. 1. - $36,3,4,4$. Betternefs of Num. 4. - $21, \quad 0,17,6$.

Whole betternefs, - $-57,3,21,10$.
Oz, D. pot. Gra. Mit.
Worfnefs of Num. 2. - $23, \quad 7, \quad 12 ; \quad 5$. Worfnefs of Num. 3. $29,16,14,18$.
whole worfnefs,
 of the betternefs, refts $\} 3,19,18,7$.

So this_30z_19 d.wt. 18 Gr. 7 Mit. Added to 153.1. pot. 10. - 5. Makes the 4 Ingots 2 1.vot. Oz. d.2pt. Gra. Mit. to be Standard,--\} 1 54, 2, 4, 18, 7 .
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Quefions

Queftions wrought by the GOLDENRuk.

The Standard of Silver is xj. Ounces; 2. Denny-ppeigbt fine.

ASilver Ingot weighing 401. 20t. 6 Onnces, 10. d. 2ot. better 16 . d. woeight and a balf. What will this amount to in Standard Silver?

## Tbe Work.

D.wt. L Liwt.Oz.D.wot.Gra.Mit.

222: 740. 6. 10.
36 $\frac{2}{2}$.- 36. 3. 4. 4.
This 360 z. 3 d. wt. $4 \mathrm{Gra}$.4 Mit . $\longrightarrow$
Added to 40 l.ept. 6. 10 .
L.wot.Oz.D. pet.Gra.Mit.

Maketh in Standard Silver, 43.6. 13. 4. 4.


A N Ingot of Silver weighing 37 1.wve. 7.0 E . 5. d. wot. worfe If. d. weight, and a balf. How much of 14 peny-weigbt better, will make it good to the Standard of -- 110 I. 2 d. weigbt.
The Work:
D.spt. L.wt.Oz. D.wt. Gra. Mit. Worle, 1 i!. Better, 14.
 $\begin{array}{lllll}37, & 7, & 5 . & 00 . \\ 30, & 10 & 13, & 9, & 8 .\end{array}$

This is wrought by the backer Rule.

A
N Ingot of Silver weighing 40 l.apt. 6. Oz. rod. weight, wore 18 d.wt. 12 Grains, How much is to be taken off and fined to 14 Peny-weigbt better, to make good the reft to the Standard of - 11 Oz. 2 d. uptight.

## The Work

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Wore, 18 !.77 8. Oz. Dew. Gray. Mit. Better, is. Rio, 6, 17. 3, 8


## The former Quefion is refolved anotber way.

The Work.


Oz.D.wnt. 1. wot.Oz.d.wot.Gra.
II. 16. $Z 4 \mathrm{c}, 6,10$, 0 . I I, 2. $43,0,3,14 \mathrm{gr}$. and a balf.

Lut. Oz. Drot.Gra.
32, and a balf, $Z 43,0,3,14$. 18, and a balf, $24,6,7,22$.
This $24,6,7,22$ is to be fined.

Silver.

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Silver.



# A $\mathbf{N}$ Addition for 

Silver after the rate
of xj. Ounces, ij. Penny. woeight fine, for the ordinary Rating. ar


## The Ordinary rating of

 Silver to the Standard.
## Example:

> D.wt. L.wt.Oz.D.wot.Gra:
$\mathbf{Q}^{\text {Etter 16, }}$ : Num. 1. - $40,6,10,00$. Worfin. ${ }_{2}^{1}$ Num. 2.-37, 7, $5,00$. Worfe, 15. Num. 3.- $36,9,10,00$. Better, 10, Num. 4.- $3^{8}, 11,00,00$.

> Grofs weight._153,10,05,00.

The Ingot, Num. i. - 40, l.6, oz.to d. 00,gr. Multepiy - 40.1 by -16 d. wet and a balf. The Product is - 33 , Ounces.

And the 6 Onuces 10 Peny $\}$ Oz.D. wot. Gra. Mit. peeight, affer that rate, is $\}-8,22,10$. So the betternef of Num. 1 , is $33,8,22,10$.

## Example:

THe betternefs of Nom. . .
Oz.D.wt.Gr. Mit.
A the 10 . 33, 8, 22, 10 . $19,4,4,00$.

The whole betternefs ${ }_{0}^{52, D . w t .} 5,10$.
The worfnefs of Num.2-21, 12, 10, 15. And the work. of Numb. 3. - $27,11,21$.

The whole worfnefs, 492 4, 7, 15 .
The Worfnefs taken ? Oz. clear bettexneís,__._S
D.mt.Grs.Mit.

To which clear betternefs? is to be put an Addition, - $\} 0,5,23,11$.

So the clear betternefs.) $\boldsymbol{O}_{\boldsymbol{z}}$ : with the addition, makes $-3,19,18, .6$ the allay,


And the grots weight, is 3 Lew. 10, Oz. 5 , dwt. With the allay, makes in Standard, -- $\}$ 154.2, 4, 18, 1. 6.


## Note.

As fo many Penny-weight is at the Pound-weight;

So many two Grimes at the Ounce.
$A^{S}$ if the Affay be better. Two-penny $\mathbf{A}_{\text {weight, the Ounce is - }} 4$ Grains.

If Two-penny weight and a balf, the Oz . is 5 Grains.

If Ten-penny weight, the Ounce is 20 Grains.

If Thirteen-penny weight and a balf, the Ounce is 27 Grains.


## Here followetb a T a b Le to this purpofe. to find what the Ounces fhould be of Betternefs or Worrenefs.

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A N Ingot of Silver, 40 Pend weight. The Standard, - 42 L. wot. - I Ourice. I8D. not.- 22 Grins. What is the Affray?

## The Work.


L.wot.Oz.D.ret.Gr. The Standard ——-42, $1,18,22$. The fineness bettor - 12 Penj-reeight. What is the grots weight?

## The Work.



The ingot better - 12 Pennyweight.
The grofs weight 40 Pound re eight.
What is the Standard?

## The Work.



This 2. l.wv. 10 O. 18 d. $20 t .22$ Ga. Added to the - 40 l. weight. Makes 42. l.2pt. 1, Oz, 18.. d. pot. 22. Fra:
(Standard.

A Pot of Silver Ingots $\left.-\begin{array}{c}\text { L. } 20 t . \\ \text { Allay, }\end{array}\right\}-400204 ;$ l. 20 .
If the - $4, P_{0 u t}$ weight of Allay were left our, what Could be the pot affray.

## The Work.


The pot Affray fhould 3 d. pot. Grab. Mit. be better - 1. 18. $12 . \frac{12}{22^{2}}{ }^{\circ}$

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This Pot was molt and caft out, but afterwards upon review, was found to have 2 l.mt. of Allay too much. How much thould the Pot affay come Chort?

## The Work.

| L.pot.$\begin{aligned} & 502{ }_{5}^{222} \text { D.nt. } \\ & 504 \text { d.pot. } 2 \text { Gra. } \end{aligned}$ |
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So the Pot affay thould be worfe, - 21 Gr. $\frac{1}{2}$. wrought by the backer Rule.

500 L.pot. of Silyar worfe, -- 1 D.wit. 12 Gra. How much Silver of - 14 d.weight better, makes it Standard.

## Tbe Work.



How much Silver of - 13 Peny-weeight bettor, will carry away 1 lopeight 3 Ounces ro d.ret, of allay.

The Work.


The fame Queftions may be wrought thus.
L.wtOz.Gr. D.wot.Gr. D.wt.Gr. L.wt. Oz.

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& \text { ( } 13 \mathrm{~d} .20 t .20, G r \cdot \frac{5}{8}
\end{aligned}
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Fozer Carracts. At the Ounce.


## Four Ingots of G OLD.

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Oz. D.rot. Gra. Mit. Betternefs of Num. $1,-3,8,3$. Betternefs of Num. $4,-6,1,14$.

Whole betternefs, - 9, 9, 17, 3.
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So this -~I Oz. 00 D.mpt. II Grains. Added to 23, 1. pto 10, $-5,-\infty$. 1.2pt.Ozd. mpt .Gr. Makes the 4 Ingots to be Stan. 23, $11,5,1$ I.

# Queftions mrought by the GOLDEN Rule, 

For the Standard of 22 Carralts.
A Gold Ingot weighing 81.pot. 60z. 16 dispt. worle - 1 Carract, 2 Grains 3 quarters; What will this amount to in Standard Gold ?

The Work.
Car. Gra. L.wot. Oz_ D. wot. Gra, Mite, $\begin{array}{llll}22,-92,4 \\ 1, \\ L & \text {-8, } & \text { 6, } & 16, \\ & 17, & 16, & 18 .\end{array}$

Thus 7 Ounces, 17 , d.vpt. 16 Grains 18 Mites. Deducted out of --. 81.200 . 60 unefs 16 d .wot. Refteth, -7 l.wot. 100 Oz .18 da wot. $7 \mathrm{Gra}, 2$ Mites. The Standard required.

A N Ingot of Gold weighing 81. pot. 6 Oz . How much of .- I Carract, 1 Grain better, will make it good to the Standard of 22 Carracks.

The Work.

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This is wrought by the back Rule,

AGold Ingot weighing - 8 Pound weight worfe, - 2 Car. - 1 Grain.
How mach is to be taken thereof and fined to I Car. - 3 Grsins better to make geod the reft to the Standard of -22 Car:

The Work.
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The fame Queftion wrought thus.


So by this way there $\mathcal{Z}$ Lwot. Oz, D.wot. Gra. is to be fined, $\} 4,10,5,22$.



## Here followeth Tables for $\mathcal{G}$ O D to this purpofe, to find what Pound d-weight, Ounce's and Parts, Thould be of Betternefs or Worfenefs.

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|  | 0 1 2 3 | $\begin{array}{ccc}2 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 10 & 15 \\ 2 & 16 & 6\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}2 & 10 \\ 2 & 16 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 12\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}2 & 15 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 8\end{array}$ |
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Ounces, Gold.



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THE foregoing Tables were compofed by Jobn Reynolds, Affay-Mafter of the Mint in the Tower of London, and this Impreffion is from a Printed Copy corrected bv him, with his hand to it to teftifit he fame; a ware chiefly calculated for the making Gold or Silver. (that is of any Allay) to the Standard goodnels: (that is to $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{a}}$ ) If it be better than Standard, thofe Tables do clearly fhew how much Allay mult be put in each pound, and ounce, and peny weigit, to make it Scandard : And if it be worfe than Standarc, thofe Tables do clearly thew how much of betternefs of Gold or Silver, will make that courfe Gold or Silver, by the pound, ounce, and peny weight, to be of Standard goodnefs.

- The Tables for Silver, are to be known by the Titles at the top of each Page, the words are thus, ( to wit) Half-peny weight, Peny weight, Peny balf-peny weight, and fo on to eleven ounces. Which Silver Tables in every page, are divided into four parcels of Columns, (that is to fay) The firft parcel on the left hand (from the top to bottom) fhew the betternefs or worfenefs of pound weights, from 1 pound to 500 pound weight Troy.

The fecond parcel of Columns are thofe on the right hand of that page, on the upper part, and fhew the betternefs or worfenefs of ounces, from 1 ounce to 1 I ounces Troy.

The third parcel of Columns are thofe under the lait mentioned Columns, and fhew the betternefs or worfenefs of peny-weights, from 1 dwt. 6 grs. to 17 dwt. 12 grs . Troy.

The fourth parcel of Columns, are thofe under the laft mentioned Columns, and thew the betternefs or worfenefs of the weight, from 1 adwt. to 4 grs . Troy.

At the head of every Column is its Signiture, ( to wit) l.wt. ounce, diwt. grains, metes, parts, according as the Column is to fignifie. This being mentioned, a ferious and ingenuous perufal of the Tables, will make it clearly manifelt.

Another ufe of them I will more clearly demonftrate, (that is) to make the weight for the Affay-Standard; and alfo to make feveral weights to compute the juft value of any fort of Silver by the Allay: To whieh purpofe it may be obferved, that in the foregoing Treatife, the Touch Stone, *rc. in page 30 and 3 I . is an account of the materials ufed for making Aflays, ${ }^{*}$ among ft which there is mention made of thofe weights, which Standard-weight may be made of different quantities, as to weigh I dwt. or 18 grains. or 12 grains, or 6 grains, and the computing-weights muft be anfwerable to which foever of them you ufe; all which is clearly comprifed in the faid Tables:

The ufual Standard-weight is made of Brafs, and in weight 12 grains; which number you may find in the laft parcel of Columns in that page, at the head of which are thefe words, (to wit) Eighteen peny weight, in which faid laft parcel in the fecond Column, the laft number (except four)
four ) is that mumber, $\mathbf{1 2}$ grains. The reafon for chufing that number in the Column in that page, is this, ( to wit) for that there is Eighteen peny weight of Allay, in a pound weight of Standard Silver; and for that reafon all forts of Standard Affay-weights, muft be of the numbers in that page, for right againft each number, there is their weight of Allay for Standard.

The next, is the weight for the Allay that is in 12 grains of Standard Silver, which you have right againft the faid 12 grains on the right hand of it, and is 19 mites, 17 parts.

The next weight,for balf-peny weight better or worfe, is in the page under that Title, in the laft parcel of Columns againft 12 grains, on the right hand, and is 16 parts.
The next weight, for a peny weight better or worfe, is in the page under that Title, in the laft parcel of Columns againft the faid 12 grams, on the right hand, and is I maite, 3 parts.

The next weight, for a peny half-peny weight better or worle, is in the page under that Title, in the laft parcel of Columns againft the faid 12 graiss, on the right hand, and is I mite, 23 parts.

And fo feveral weights of the feveral degrees of betternefs or worfenefs, which by what I have mentioned of the three pages, may be eafily made by the reft of the pages, wherein they are fet down againft the faid $\mathbf{1 2}$ grains, on the right hand.

Note that 37 parts is accounted a mite, in the Silver Tables, and 22 parts is accounted a witc in the Gold Tables.

To make an Affay of Silver, the manner is thus: Firft, having all the Materials and Inftruments mentioned in the Touch-Stone, pag. 30 and 31. (and what other Tools, for, an ingenuous perfon will fee needfull) good and readily provided, and the Fire kindled, and Furnace hot ; then take the weight of the aforefaid Standard-weight of the Silver that you would Affay, (it being clean from all filth ) and alfo part of a clean flatted Lead Bullet, as much as by experience you will fee convenient, (for the courter the Silver, the bigger mult be the quantity of Lead to Refine it) put that Silver and the Lead on the Cople or Teft into the Fire, and it will Refine the Silver to the higheft degree of finenefs; then take the Cople and Silver out of the Fire, and put the Silver (being knockt clean) into one Pan of the fine Scales, and in the other Pan put the Standardweight; then if the Silver from which it was taken be Sterling, the wafte of the Affay will be the weight 19 mites, 17 parts.

If the Silver from which it was taken be a balfpeny weight worfe, then the wafte of the Affay will be the 19 mites, 17 parts, and alfo the weight 16 parts.

If the Silver from which it was taken is balfpeny weight better, it will not be wafted the 19 mites, 17 parts, by the weight 16 parts.

And fo proceeding further, as the Silver is wafted more or lefs, thofe weights will difcover its betternefs or worfenefs. And obferve further, that the Standard-Affay-weight being in one Pan of the Scale, the weight of the Allay in 12 grains of Standard aforefaid, mult be always in the
other Pan with the Kefired Silver, and if that makes the Ballance even; then the Silver from which it was taken is Standard. If the weight for balf-peny weight of betternefs or worfenefs, be put into the Pan with the Silver, and it make an even Ballance, then report the Silver worfe ob. If that weight be put in the Pan where the Stan-dard-weight is, and it make an even Ballance, then report the Silver better ob. This rule holds good for all the reft ; and the Gauging-weights being laid orderly in rows in the glazed Scalecafe, with the Nippers they may be readily taken up, and put into either Pan, and out again, as occafion fhall be.

What I tave here difcovered of the Silver Tables, will be fufficient light to underftand the Gold Tables, and how to make a Gold Affay : For the Gold Tables in the feveral pages of bet, ternefs or worfenefs, are known by the Titles at the head of each page, by the words Grains and Carracts, and are increafed by quarter-grains each page, from a quarter of a Carract grain, to four Carracts, and are every page divided into four parcels of Columns, and hews what Allay is in every fort of Gold, from one Troy-grain, to 30 .wwt. But to enlarge further, will fwell this Book too much ; therefore my advice is, that you ftudioufly and frequently perufe the foregoing Treatife and Tables, which with ingenious practice, will make you an Artift herein. And I wih (where there is one now well-skill'd in making Affays of Gold and Silver) that there were a hundred; for all Rules and Arts for preventing publick deceit, ought (if poffible) to be made fo practi-
practicable, that every capacity may be capable thereof. To which purpofe note further,

That the manner of making the aforefaid $C_{0}$ ples or Tefts, is thus: Take of Sheeps-bones that are burn very white, bear and fift them to a fine Powder, which moiften with Water to fuch a degree, that when well chaffed either between the hands, or, with a piece of Board on a Table, that being grafped with the hand it will be clammy, and hold together without wetting or fticking to the hand. Then take a round flat piece of Brafs, an inch thick, and three or four inches over, through the middle of which make a taper-round hole, the one end near as wide as a Five fhilling piece of Silver, and the other end neár as wide as a Half-Crown piece, which hole pollifh very fmooth; lay this Brafs on a level Anvil, the wideft end of the hole uppermoft, and fill the hole with the faid moiftned Bone-a ahes, and prefs it hard with your hand: Then with a Drift-pin of Bra/s made Globical at the lower end, and a thoulder round it to reft upon the edge of the hole, to keep the faid rourd $\operatorname{tnd}$ from running in too far, which Drift-pin force down (with a Wood Mallet) on the faid Bone-athes in the faid hole, and if well done it will unite the Bone-afhes into a Cople, and the top thereof will be hollow like the Veffel called a Skimming-difh ; then with your thumb thruft the faid Cople whole out of the Brafs hole, and fet it (with as many of them as you will make) on a Ioofe Board on a Shelf, and when thorow dry thcy will be hard, and when ufed, either kindle the Fire (or put them into it) by degrees, to prevent their cracking or cleaving.

The Affay-Furnace is made either with Brick upon a Chimney-hearth, or in an Iron Cafe (thick and well luted) removable to any place at pleafure, the infide round or fquare, about 6 or 7 inches over, and about 20 inches high; at the bottom muft be an Air-hole 5 or 6 inches wide, and 3 inches high; and about 8 inches high muft be an Iron-grate fixed within, and even to it (over the other hole) mult be another Air-hole about 3 inches fquare, (without which muft be a fpace to lay fome burning Coals) upon which Grate muft be placed a Muffe, which may be made of a large three-fquare Crucible, with a hole (a quarter of an inch wide) in each fide, and one fuch hole in the fmall end: or the Mufle may be made of broken Crucibles finely powdered, and tempered with a fifth part of Tobacco-pipe-clay, flat at bottom, and circular over, with 3 holes as the other; dry it well in the fhade, and then neal it in a gentle Fire: The mouth of which Mufles muft be clofed with lute to the upper hole, refting upon the Grate as aforefaid, and a face muft be by the fides and farther end of the Muffe, fufficient to permit the Fire to be ftrong on the Grate as above the Muffe, and the Fire of Charcole always gently kindled, will not break the $M r \mathrm{ffl}$; and a Fire muft be always before the mouth of the Muffle, to make the heat equal on the Cople. The Allay-Scales are made by the Scale-makers in St. Annes-lane, London, and muft turn with the weight of the $74^{0^{\text {th }}}$ part of a grain Troy.

Nore, That when the Silver is Fined to the higheit degree, when cold on the Cople it will appear bright, and clear from the lealt fully or darkifh colour, and of the conntenance of pure Tin.

Here followeth a Catalogue of the Names of the feveral Foreign Gold and Silver Coins, that are brought into this Kingdom as Bullion, with the particular weight of each Coin, (except fome fero) and the particular Allay and Value of many of them, according to the aforefaid Standard of 22 Carracts and 11 ounces 2 dwt. accounting the Gold at 41. the onnce, and the Silver at 5 s . the ounce Troy.

## Thefe Gold Foreign Coins were Affayed in the Mint, and rated as Bullion, 1663.

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worfe $00 \frac{1}{4}$ Fren:h Piftol worfe $0, \frac{1}{4}$ French Lewis worfe $0,{ }_{7}^{4}$ Holland Rider better 12 Hungary Ducket worre o,o $0 \frac{1}{4}$ Spanifh Piftol worfe 2 Flanders Albertus worfe o $0 \frac{1}{4}$ Double Sover. of Fland. wore o $1 \frac{3}{4}$ Italian Piftol worfe $4=\frac{1}{4}$ Gilder of Porthono worfe ${ }_{3} x_{4}{ }_{3}$ Gilder of Mathias Emp. worfe $3{ }_{2}^{3}$. Gilder of Noremburgh worfe better

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The Allay and Value of there following Gold Coins are not come to hand, but are referred to the ingenious Reader to add.

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Ducket of Aragon
Ducket of Suevia
Ducket of Turkey
Ducket of Hamburgh
Denning of Mufcory
New Floren Gild. of S.Andrew Old Gilder of S. Andrew Carolous Gilder Collen Gilder Horn Gilder St. Davids Gilder Saxon Gilder Philip Gilder Half Philip Gilder
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## Thefe Silver Foreign Coins were Affayed in the Mint, and valued as Bullion, 1653 .

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 worfe of 1 Doub. Milrez of Port. worfe 0 I Single Militez of Port: worfe $1: \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{St}$ Maxk of Venice worfe 4.6 Double Dutch Stiver worfe 12 Crofs Dollar worte $2 \circ$ Zealand Doblar worfe 1 O Old Philip Dollar worfe ol $12 \frac{1}{2}$ Ferdinando Doll. 1623 worfe $0.1 \mathrm{O}_{2}^{2}$ P. of Orange Dol. 1624 worfe o $92{ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Leopoldus Doll. 1624 worfe o 10 Rodulphus Doll. 1607 worfe o $4^{\frac{1}{2}}$ MaximilianDoll.1616 worfe, 1 I3 Danifh Dollar 1620

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